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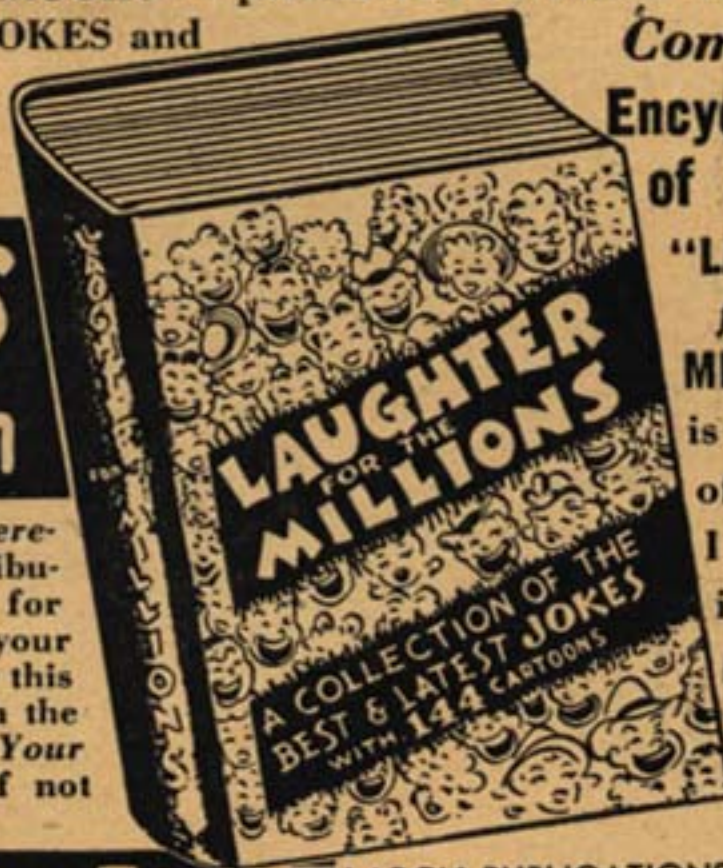
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THE ORIGINAL
SHIELD
AND
DUSTY
the
BOY DETECTIVE

The RIVERBOAT RACKETEERS

WITH OCEAN PLEASURE TRAVEL STOPPED BY THE WAR, LUXURIOUS RIVER CRUISE BOATS HAVE TAKEN OVER FOR THE DURATION-- TAKEN OVER THE VACATION SEEKERS AND VULTURES ALIKE! THUS IT HAPPENS THAT THE SHIELD AND DUSTY FIND THEMSELVES AMONG STRANGE COMPANIONS AS THEY MATCH WITS WITH THE RIVERBOAT RACKETEERS!

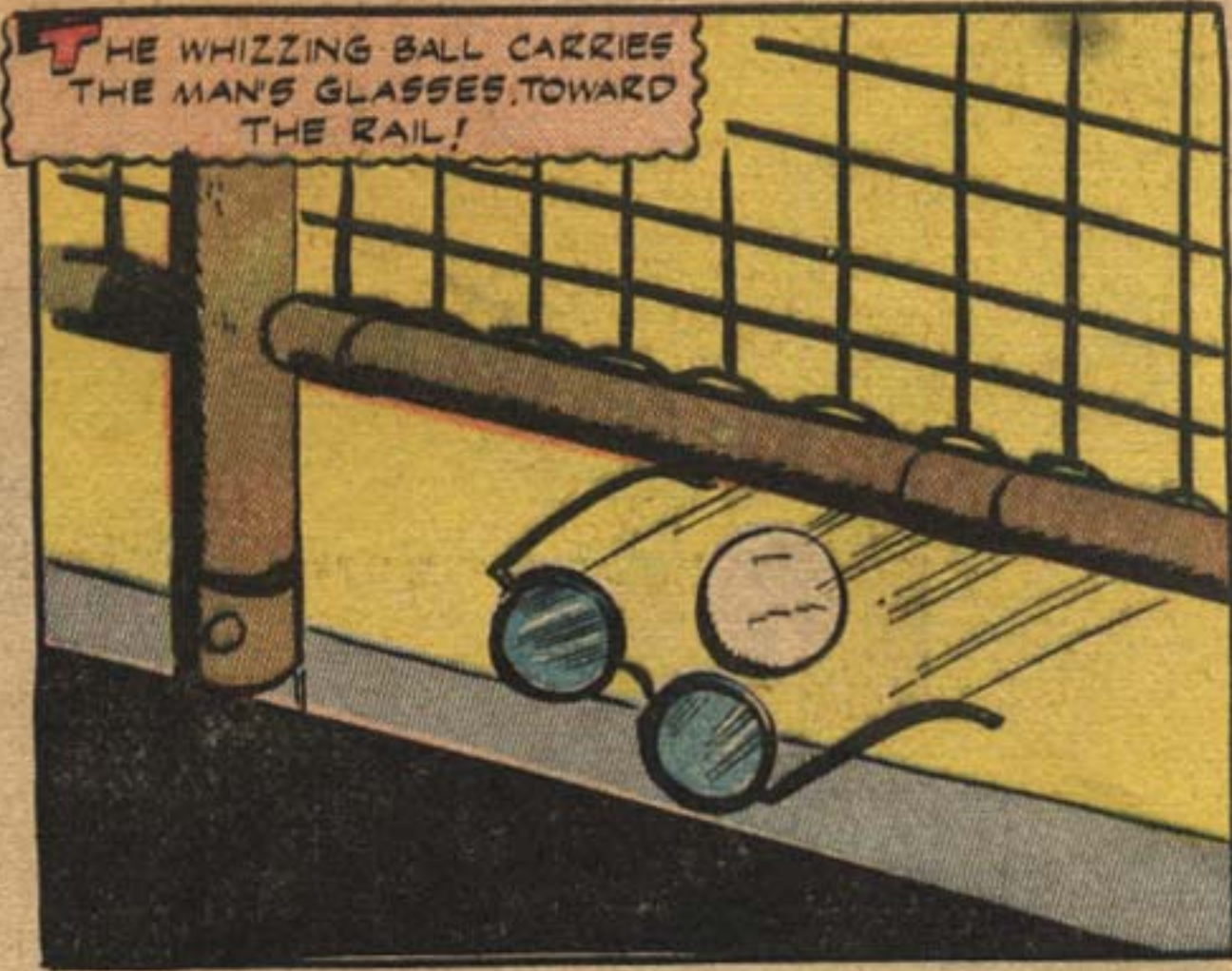
NICE RETURN, DUSTY!



DUSTY MISSES AN "ACE"!

OOPS -- SLIPPED

IT'S HEADING FOR THAT MAN--LOOK OUT!





ARE YOU O.K.? HERE -- CATCH!



GOOD WORK! YOU SAVED HIS LIFE!

HE'S SWALLOWED A LOT OF WATER---



HE NEEDS FIRST AID, QUICKLY, DUSTY!

I'LL TAKE HIS THINGS DOWN TO OUR CABIN BEFORE THEY GET LOST!



SEVERAL HOURS LATER ----

THERE'S THE GUY WHO FELL INTO THE DRINK, JOE

GOOD! HE SEEMS OKAY NOW.



OH, SO IT'S YOU! YOU CLUMSY FOOL! YOU MADE ME LOSE MY GLASSES!

TAKE IT EASY, MISTER! I'VE GOT YOUR GLASSES ALONG WITH SOME OF YOUR OTHER THINGS!



WONDERFUL! WONDERFUL! FORGIVE MY RUDENESS GENTLEMEN! THESE GLASSES ARE VERY VALUABLE TO ME AN--AH--EXPENSIVE GIFT



MY NAME'S WARNER. AND IF I CAN---

IT'S OKAY MR WARNER NO APOLOGIES NECESSARY IT'S OUR FAULT!

SEE YA LATER, JOE! ME FOR THE BAR!



CHOCOLATE SODA PLEASE!

HUH? O, YEAH, SURE!



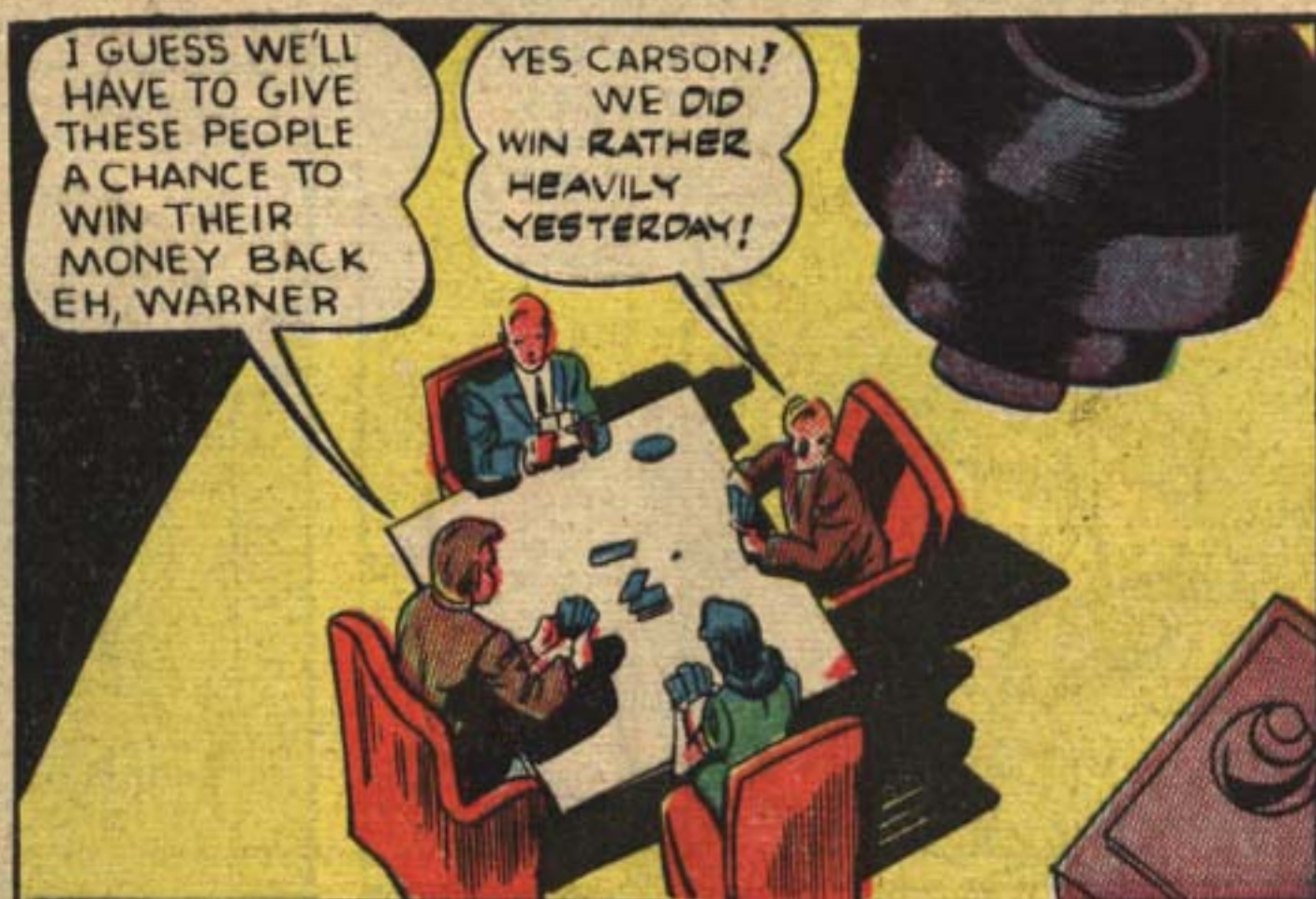
HELLO, MR. WARNER! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME. WE WERE ABOUT TO PLAY SOME BRIDGE. WANT TO JOIN US?

WHY, YES, THANK YOU!



MR. WARNER. HEARD ABOUT YOUR NASTY ACCIDENT THIS AFTERNOON YOU'RE ALL RIGHT NOW, I HOPE

YES! THANK YOU, MR CARSON.



I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO GIVE THESE PEOPLE A CHANCE TO WIN THEIR MONEY BACK EH, WARNER

YES CARSON! WE DID WIN RATHER HEAVILY YESTERDAY!



A SHORT WHILE LATER ---

WHY--WHY WHAT'S THE MATTER --- ARE YOU ILL?

I--ER-- FEEL A TRIFLE FAINT---I THINK I'LL GO TO MY CABIN FOR A FEW MINUTES!



NOW JUST TAKE IT EASY, MR. WARNER --I'LL HELP YOU--

THANK YOU SO MUCH-- MR CARSON!

HELP YOU--



MEANWHILE, AFTER A STROLL ON DECK, JOE HEADS BELOW ---

IT'S GETTING LATE -- I'LL SEE WHERE DUSTY IS!

SUDDENLY, A DECK CHAIR HURTLING FROM ABOVE, NARROWLY MISSES JOE!



HOLY SMOKE!

QUICKLY SHEDDING HIS CLOTHES JOE HIGGINS BECOMES THE SHIELD!



THAT CHAIR CAME DOWN WITH TOO MUCH FORCE TO HAVE ACCIDENTALLY FALLEN. IT WAS THROWN!



DEBERTED! BUT WHOEVER THREW THAT CHAIR MUST BE AROUND SOMEWHERE!



AND I'M GOING TO SEARCH THIS DECK 'TIL I FIND HIM!



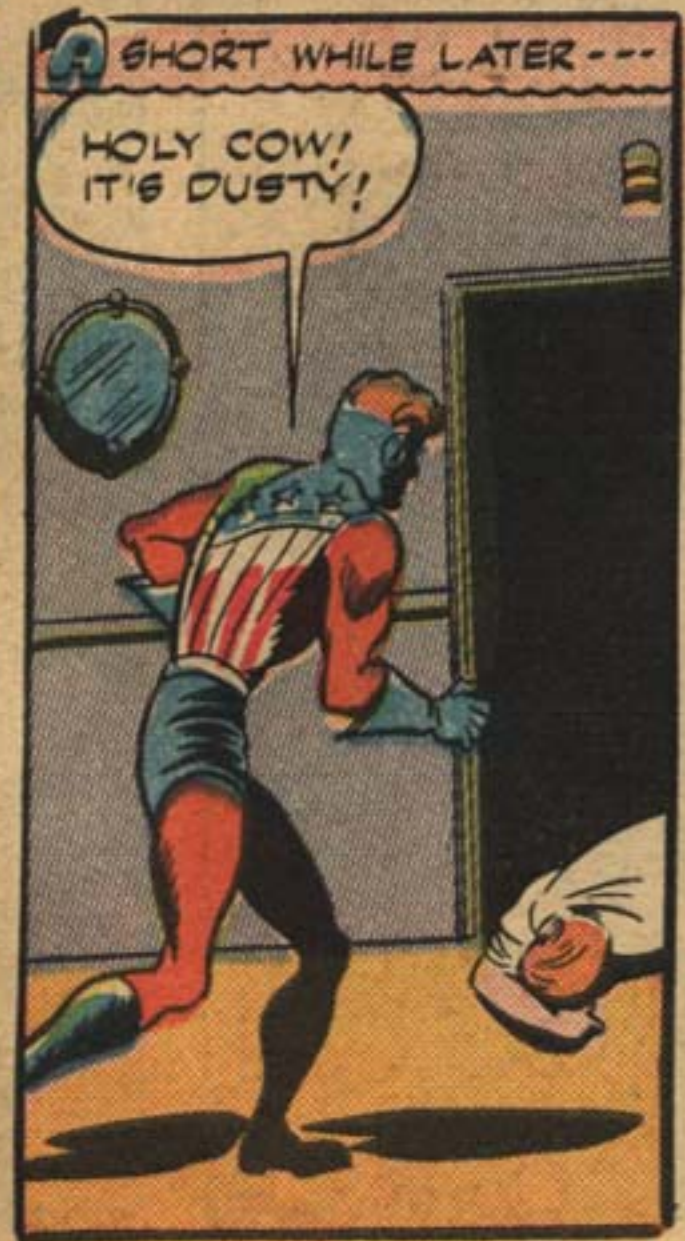
THE SHIELD! CURSE HIM! WHAT'S HE SNOOPING AROUND FOR? I BETTER GET RID OF HIM!



GUESS AGAIN, MY FRIEND!



THE MYSTERIOUS ASSAILANT IS HURTLED OVER THE DECK RAILING!





THIS IS NO ORDINARY BURGLARY, DUSTY! SOMEONE TOOK A POKE AT ME, TOO!

WELL, WHATEVER THE REASON, SOMEBODY'S AWFULLY ANXIOUS TO FIND SOMETHING IN THIS COMPARTMENT!



I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING VALUABLE WE MIGHT HAVE! LET'S HAVE ANOTHER LOOK!



SHIELD! THESE SUN GLASSES THEY'RE WARNER'S! I THOUGHT WE RETURNED 'EM!

BUT WHAT'S WARNER GOT TO DO WITH---



WE MIGHT HAVE RETURNED THE WRONG ONES! HMM--I HAVE A HUNCH! I'LL WRITE SOMETHING WITH THESE COLORED PENCILS, AND--

WHAT ARE YOU DOIN' THAT FOR?



SHH--THERE HE IS NOW! YOU'LL SOON FIND OUT!



YOU'RE DOING QUITE WELL TONIGHT, MR. WARNER! YOU'VE WON EVERY HAND SO FAR!

WELL, MY LUCK HAD TO CHANGE SOMETIME!



YES, MR. WARNER! YOU'RE LUCK HAS CHANGED!--- FROM BAD TO WORSE!

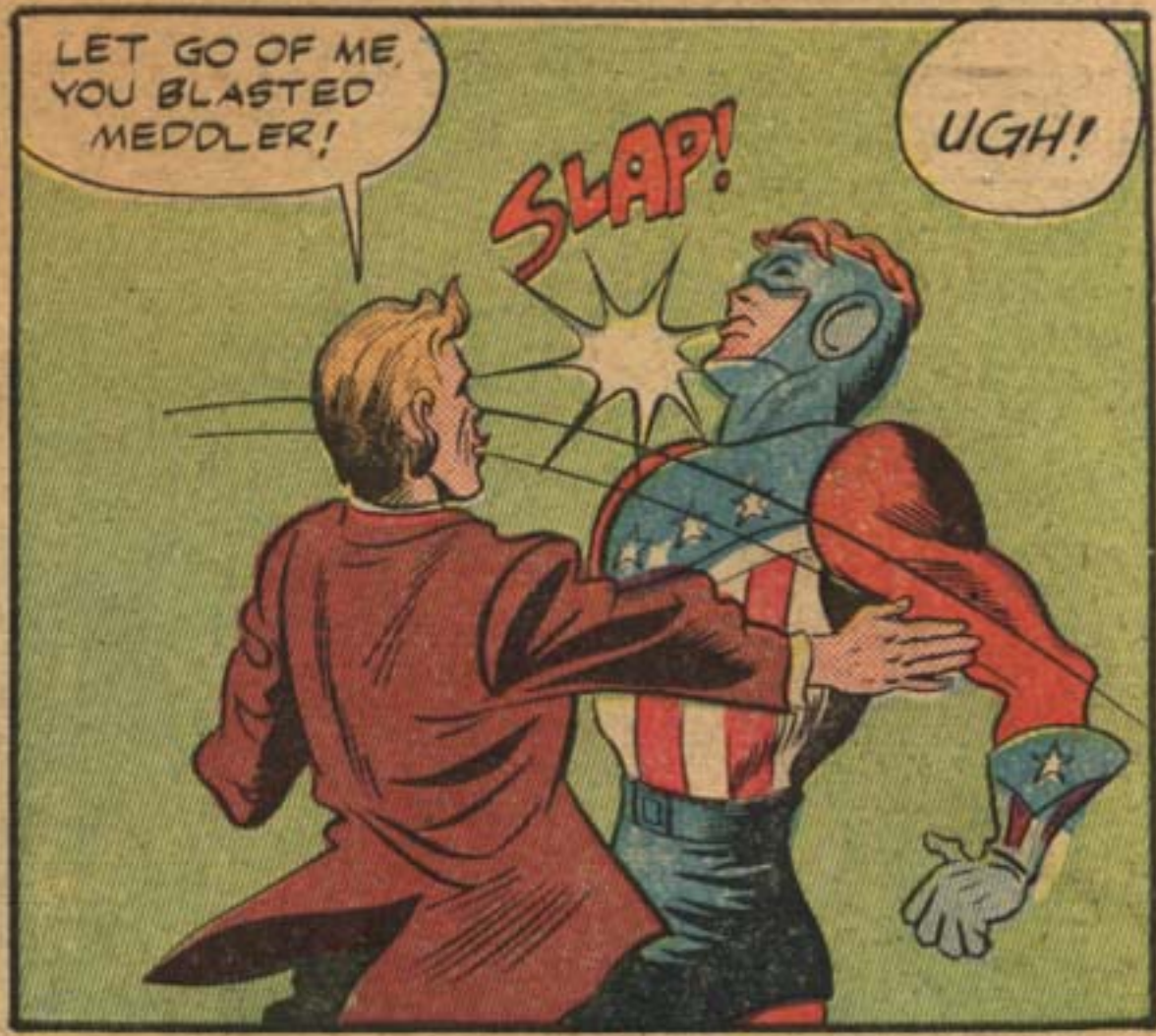
WH--- WHA---



YOU'RE A **CARDCHEAT**, WARNER! THOSE CARDS ARE STACKED!

TH--- THAT'S ABSURD!

LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THOSE CARDS!



LET GO OF ME, YOU BLASTED MEDDLER!

SLAP!

UGH!



THAT'S THE SECOND TIME YOU SLUGGED ME WARNER! I'LL TAKE THE THIRD STRIKE!

CRACK

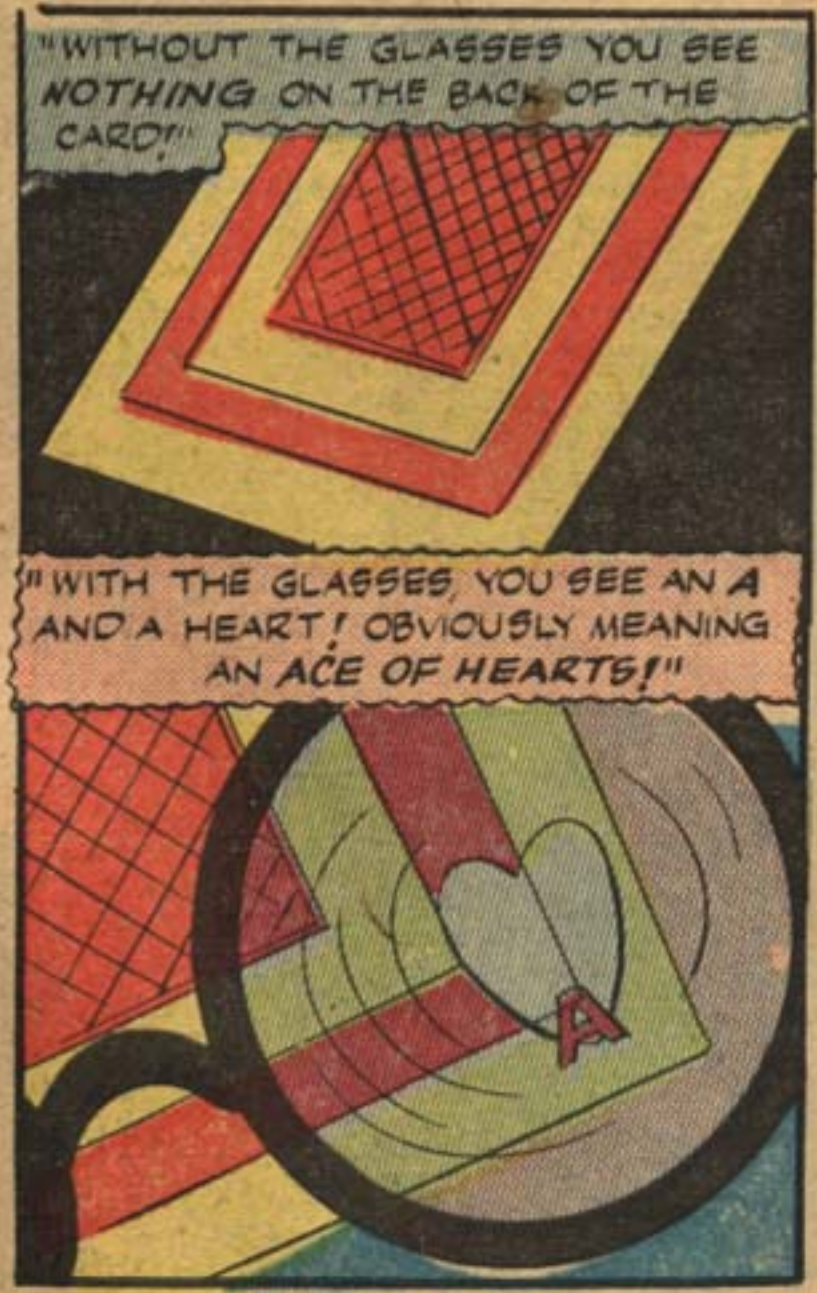


YOU PEOPLE WERE PLAYING WITH WARNER'S DECK, WEREN'T YOU?

Y... YES! BUT I'VE LOOKED CAREFULLY AT THE CARDS! THEY'RE NOT MARKED!



NO! WELL, LOOK AT THEM THROUGH THESE GLASSES! WARNER'S GLASSES WHICH HE LOST THIS MORNING...AND WHICH HE'S SO ANXIOUS TO GET BACK!



"WITHOUT THE GLASSES YOU SEE NOTHING ON THE BACK OF THE CARD!"

"WITH THE GLASSES, YOU SEE AN A AND A HEART! OBVIOUSLY MEANING AN ACE OF HEARTS!"



WHY--I SEE IT NOW, SHIELD!

THAT GUY EDGIN' OUTA HERE WAS IN THIS CARD PARTY TOO!



JUST A MINUTE, MISTER! WHY SHOULD YOU HAVE ANTS IN YOUR PANTS?

LET GO OF ME! I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS!

OH, NO! THEN WHAT'RE YOU RUNNING AWAY FOR! WHO ARE YOU?



THAT'S MR. CARSON, DUSTY! HE INTRODUCED MR. WARNER TO US IN THE FIRST PLACE-- AND SUGGESTED WE GET TOGETHER FOR BRIDGE!



BUMP!

OWOOO!

AN ACCOMPLICE, EH! MAYBE THIS'LL LOOSEN YOUR TONGUE!



ARE YOU BIRDS READY TO CHEEP NOW?

OKAY! YOU GOT US! WE ADMIT EVERYTHING!



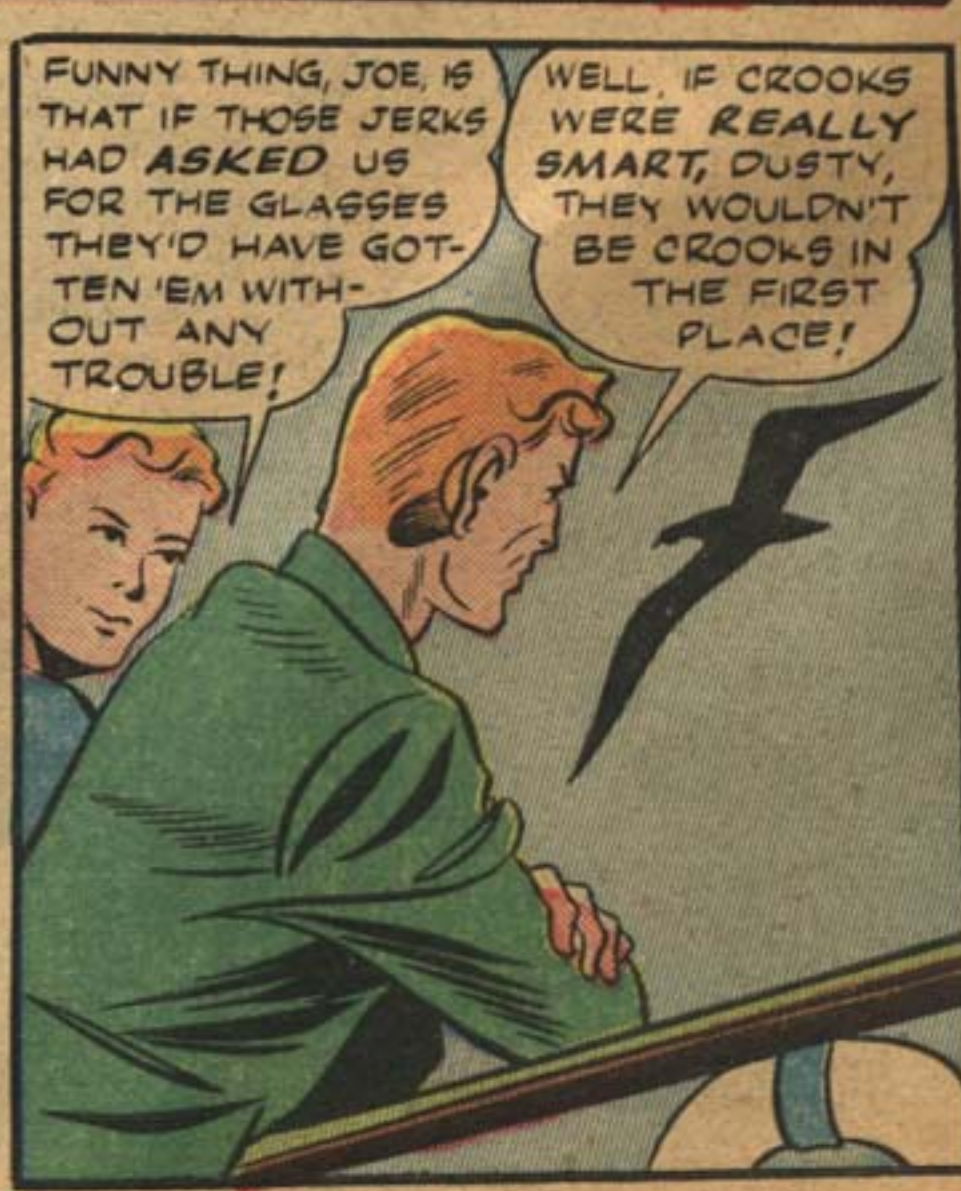
BETTER GET THE CAPTAIN, IN HERE FIRST, DUSTY! HE'D BE INTERESTED IN HEARING THIS!

RIGHT, SHIELD!



THEY'RE ALL YOURS, CAPTAIN!

IT'S A PLEASURE, SHIELD! TOO MANY RATS LIKE THESE INFESTING OUR SHIPS!



FUNNY THING, JOE, IS THAT IF THOSE JERKS HAD ASKED US FOR THE GLASSES THEY'D HAVE GOTTEN 'EM WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE!

WELL, IF CROOKS WERE REALLY SMART, DUSTY, THEY WOULDN'T BE CROOKS IN THE FIRST PLACE!

DUSTY

the SPECTACULAR
BOY DETECTIVE

IN The HAUNTED PENTHOUSE





HERE Y'ARE FOLKS!
SEE THE STARS!
ONLY 10¢!

HAVE A
LOOK AT
THE STARS
10¢



HOW'S ABOUT IT, LAD? MILLIONS OF
STARS, THE MOON AND ALL THE
PLANETS! FOR ONE THIN DIME!
HOW CAN YOU GO WRONG?



HA, HA! SOUNDS LIKE
A BARGAIN! OKAY,
YOU'VE GOT A
CUSTOMER!



HOLY
JOE!

PRETTY,
AIN'T
IT??

HAVE A
LOOK AT
THE STARS
10¢



WHAT I'M LOOKING AT
ISN'T VERY PRETTY!

WHADDA YA
MEAN??

HERE'S WHAT
DUSTY MEANS!
GLEAMING
PHOSPHORES-
CENT SKULLS
SEEMINGLY
FLOATING IN
AIR, GREET
HIS AMAZED
GAZE THRU
THE
TELESCOPE!



THEN THE BOY DETECTIVE'S EYE FOCUSES
ON ANOTHER STARTLING SCENE... ATOP
ONE OF THE ROOFS!

BANG!

BANG!



THE WEIRD MOVIE
LIKE DRAMA REACHES
ITS CLIMAX, AS THE
'UNKNOWN ACTOR'
DESPERATION AND
HORROR ETCHED
VIVIDLY ON HIS
FACE, TURNS THE
GUN UPON
HIMSELF, AND...

BANG!



A GUY JUST COMMITTED SUICIDE ON THAT ROOF!

WHAT! YOU NUTS, KID?



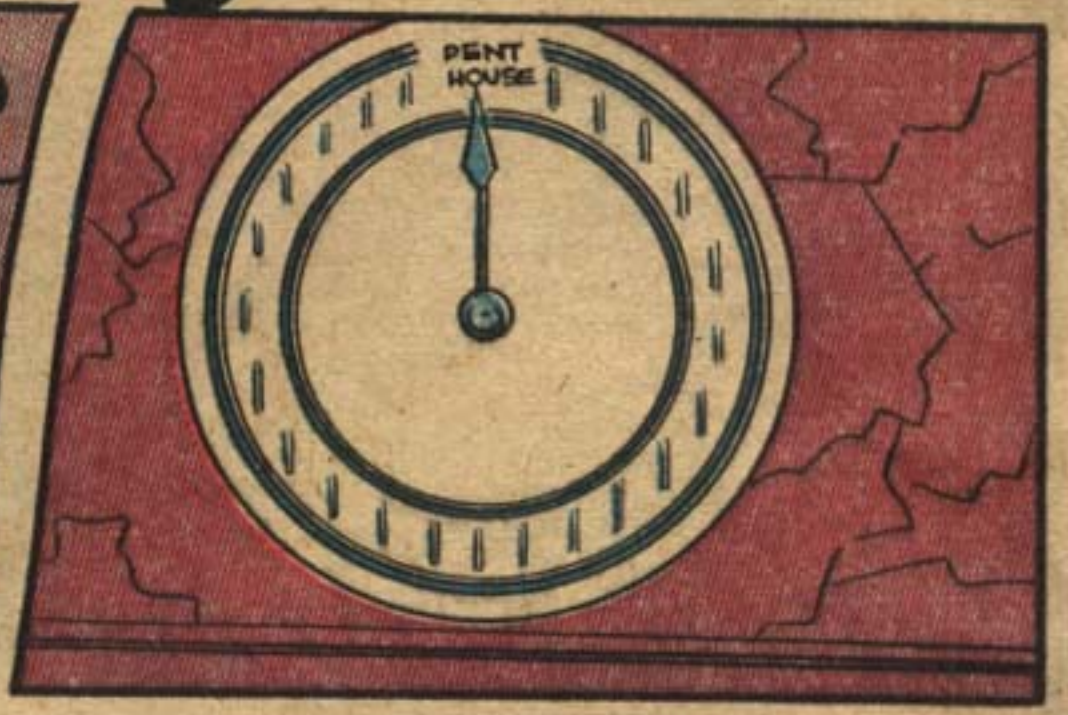
I HOPE SO! ANYWAY, I'M GOING TO HAVE A LOOK!



THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR THE BOY DETECTIVE!



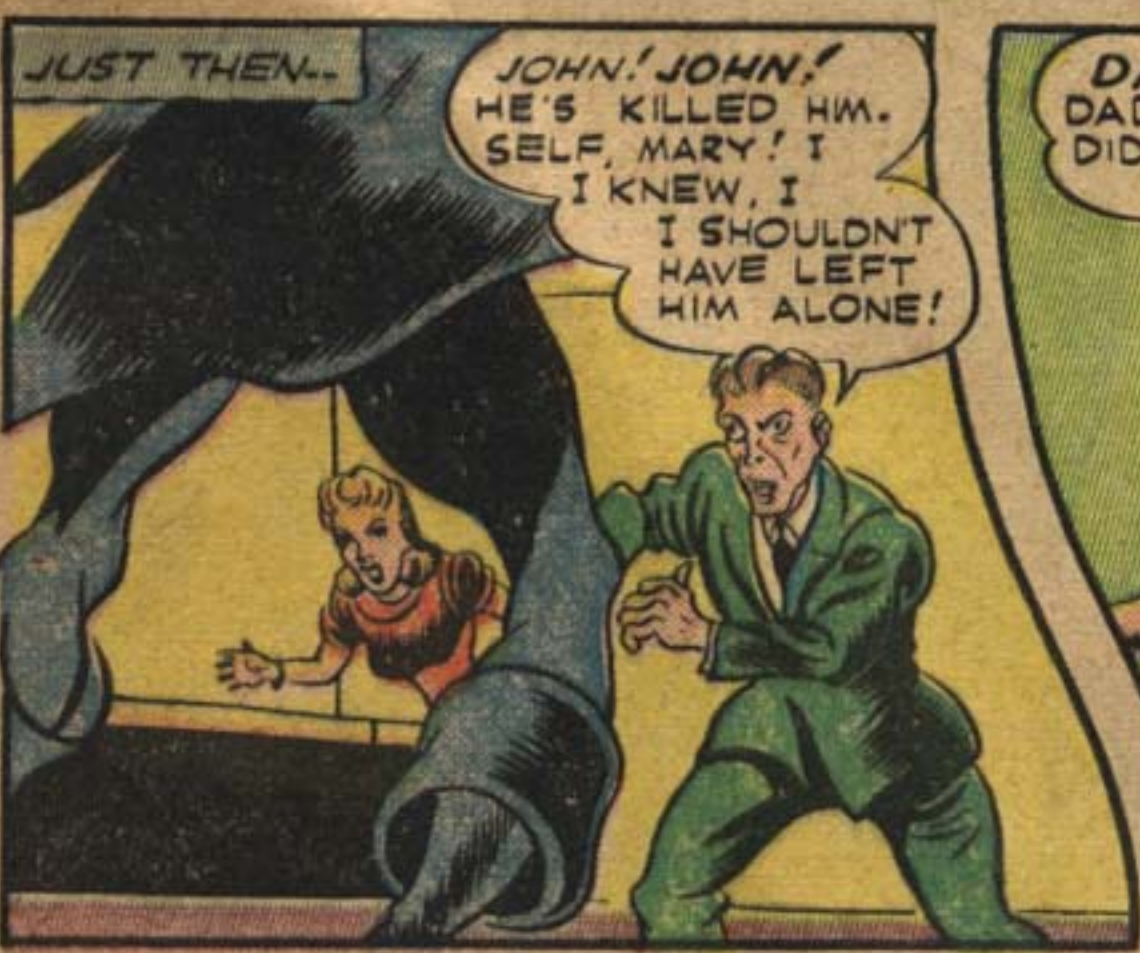
GANGWAY!



THIS IS WHERE I SAW THE GUY, UNLESS I'M COMPLETELY NUTS!



OH, OH!



JUST THEN--

JOHN! JOHN! HE'S KILLED HIMSELF, MARY! I I KNEW, I I SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT HIM ALONE!



DADDY! OH, DADDY! WHY (SOB) DID YOU DO IT??

I'M JOHN RANDALL, THE DEAD MAN'S BROTHER! THAT'S MY WIFE, AND HIS DAUGHTER OVER THERE! HOW DO YOU HAPPEN TO BE HERE?

I SAW HIM, THRU A TELESCOPE, AND RUSHED UP! WHY DID HE TAKE HIS LIFE? WAS HE DEPRESSED, OR SOMETHING?

NOT EXACTLY! BUT I'M AFRAID HE WAS SLOWLY LOSING HIS MIND! WE ALL STAYED CLOSE TO HIM, BECAUSE WE WERE AFRAID SOMETHING LIKE THIS MIGHT HAPPEN!

YOU SEE, IT ALL STARTED MANY YEARS AGO IN THE LABORATORY OF THE COMPANY MY BROTHER OWNED!

THE WORST HAS HAPPENED, MR. RANDALL! YOUR EMPLOYEE, JED PETERS, HAS CONTRACTED A SEVERE CASE OF RADIUM POISONING!

BUT..BUT HOW, DOCTOR, I TOOK EVERY PRECAUTION AGAINST SUCH A THING HAPPENING!

JOHN WENT TO THE HOSPITAL TO VISIT JED PETERS! THE ROOM WAS DARK...

.. AND IN THE DIM LIGHT, THE POOR FELLOW LOOKED LIKE A GLOWING SKELETON.. A CORPSE, LIVING ON BORROWED TIME! AND WITH HIS DYING BREATH, HE UTTERED A HORRIBLE CURSE...

I'LL GET YOU YET, RANDALL, YOU AND YOUR WHOLE FAMILY!....

..(COUGH) IF I'VE GOT TO COME BACK FROM THE GRAVE!

THAT CURSE PREYED ON HIS MIND, EVER SINCE .. MADE HIM A NERVOUS WRECK!

YES, AND MADE ALL THE REST OF US NERVOUS WRECKS TOO! WE HAD TO KEEP CONSTANT WATCH ON HIM!

IT WASN'T DAD'S FAULT!
MY FATHER WAS A GOOD
MAN! HE TOOK EVERY
PRECAUTION FOR HIS
EMPLOYEES!

I.. I WISH
THE CURSE
WOULD GET
ME TOO, AS IT
PROMISED! I.. I
CAN'T STAND
THIS ANYMORE!

THERE, THERE, MARY!
YOU MUSN'T SAY
SUCH THINGS!

WELL, I DON'T THINK
THERE'S MUCH MORE
I CAN DO! THE POLICE
WILL HAVE TO TAKE
ON FROM
HERE!

BUT OUTSIDE..

HMM.. THIS
WHOLE THING
MIGHT BE AN
OPEN CASE OF
SUICIDE.. IF I
HADN'T SEEN
THOSE FLOATING
SKULLS MYSELF!
THERE WAS NO
REASON FOR
ME TO HAVE
HALLUCINATIONS!

LATER, AS MARY
GRIEVES ON THE
PENT. HOUSE TERRACE

SUDDENLY..

MARY RANDALL
I'M THE SPIRIT
OF JED
PETERS!!

I'VE COME FOR
YOU, MARY
RANDALL!



THE CURSE!
IT'S COME TO
GET ME!

I CAN'T
STAND THIS
ANYMORE!!
I'M GOING
MAD!!

JUST THEN, THE LITHE
STEELY FRAME OF
THE BOY DETECTIVE
HURTLES FROM THE
ROOF ABOVE...

NO, YOU
DON'T!

LET ME GO!
I WANT TO
DIE!

GOOD! SHE FAINTED!
NOW, I'LL DO A
LITTLE HAUNTING
MYSELF!!

FIRST I'LL HAVE
A LOOK-SEE, AT
THE APARTMENT
DIRECTLY
BELOW!

BOY! THIS
HUMAN FLY ACT
IS TRICKY BUSINESS!
ONE SLIP, AND X
WILL MARK THE
SPOT!!

MADE IT!.. AND
IF I'M WRONG, I'LL
PAY FOR THIS
WINDOW!

CRASH!

WHOA, NELLIE!
I WANT TO HAVE
WORDS WITH
YOU!!

AS DUSTY SLAMS HIS
UNKNOWN OPPONENT
AGAINST THE WALL,
SOMETHING CLICKS
OPEN AND WEIRD GLOW-
ING SKULLS SUDDENLY
BOB INTO THE AIR...

THIS'LL PUT
THE FINISHING
TOUCH ON
YOU!!

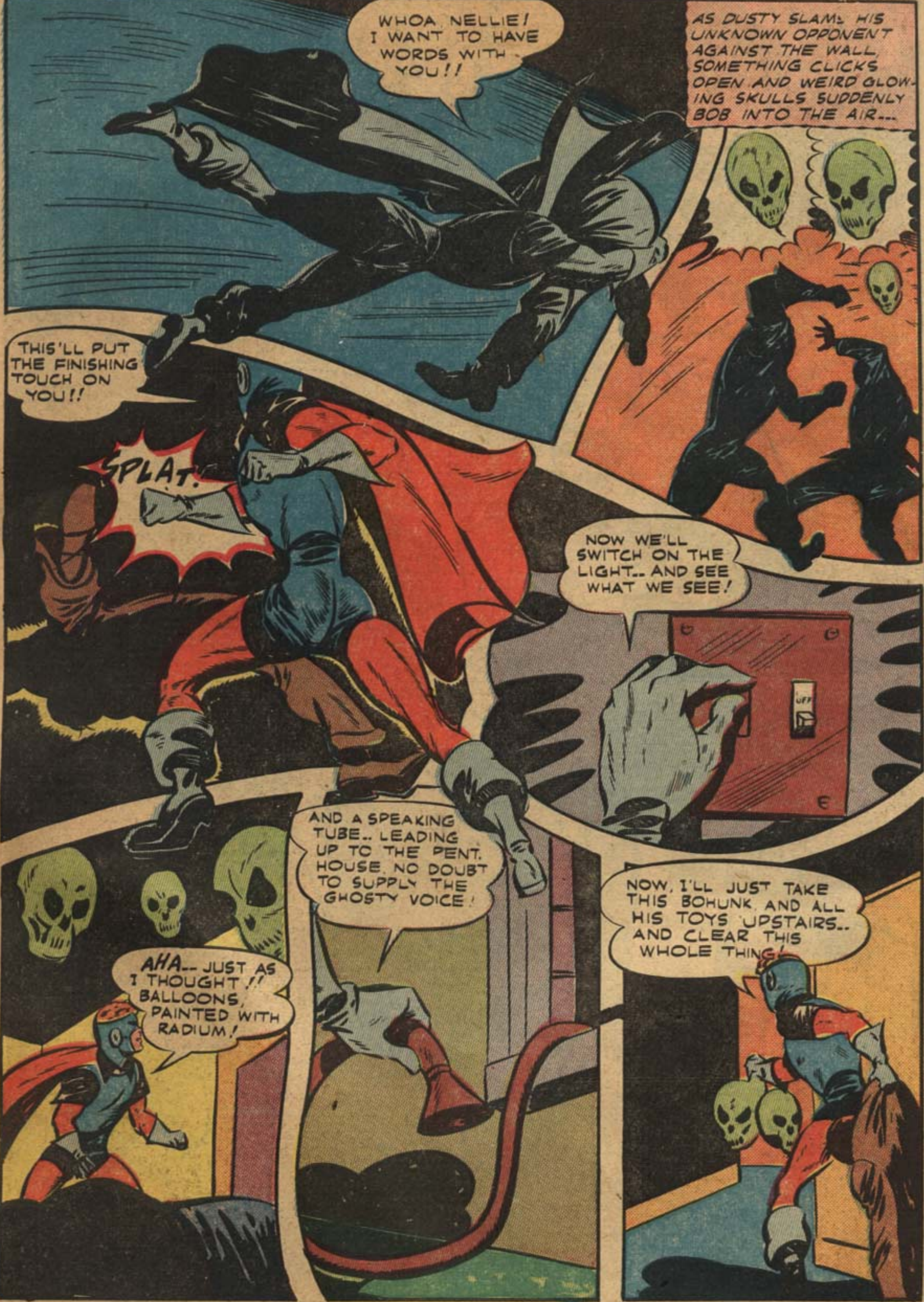
SPLAT!

NOW WE'LL
SWITCH ON THE
LIGHT.. AND SEE
WHAT WE SEE!

AND A SPEAKING
TUBE.. LEADING
UP TO THE PENT.
HOUSE. NO DOUBT
TO SUPPLY THE
GHOSTLY VOICE!

NOW, I'LL JUST TAKE
THIS BOHUNK, AND ALL
HIS TOYS UPSTAIRS..
AND CLEAR THIS
WHOLE THING!

AHA-- JUST AS
I THOUGHT !!
BALLOONS,
PAINTED WITH
RADIUM!



DUSTY! YOU AGAIN! WHAT HAPPENED THIS TIME? I JUST FOUND MARY OUT ON THE TERRACE, UNCONSCIOUS!! WHO IS THAT MAN? WHAT ARE THOSE DEVILISH THINGS IN YOUR HANDS??



WHOA, MR RANDALL! ONE QUESTION AT A TIME! THIS GUY IS THE "GHOST" WHO MADE YOUR BROTHER COMMIT SUICIDE.. HIYA, MARY! HOW DO YOU FEEL NOW?

DUSTY! YOU.. YOU MEAN, THERE ISN'T ANY CURSE? BUT.. BUT WHO IS THAT MAN THEN? I NEVER SAW HIM BEFORE!



I'M YOUR **WIFE'S BROTHER, RANDALL,** AND I'M NOT TAKING THIS RAP ALONE SEE ?



SHUT UP, YOU FOOL!

JANE! YOU NEVER TOLD ME YOU HAD A BROTHER!

THERE ARE PLENTY OF THINGS, SHE DIDN'T TELL YOU, RANDALL! YOU DON'T KNOW THAT JED PETERS WAS **OUR FATHER,** DID YOU??



SHE MARRIED YOU, SO SHE COULD GET CLOSE TO YOUR BROTHER.. GET REVENGE, AND ALL OF HIS DOUGH AT THE SAME TIME! WE WERE SUPPOSED TO **SPLIT!**



HERE'S YOUR **SPLIT, YOU BLABBERING IDIOT!**



BANG
BANG

HEY, DON'T!

BANG

BOTH DEAD!
WELL, I GUESS,
I'LL REALLY
CALL THE POLICE
NOW.. AND AN
UNDERTAKER!



I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO THANK YOU FOR CLEARING MY FATHER'S DEATH, AND REMOVING THAT TERRIBLE CLOUD FROM MY OWN MIND, DUSTY!

LOOK UP THERE, MARY, AND THANK YOUR LUCKY STARS! IF I HADN'T LOOKED AT THEM, I NEVER WOULD HAVE COME ALONG!



NEXT DAY..

OH, OH! THERE COMES THAT KID, FOR THE CHANGE FROM THAT FIVE DOLLAR BILL, HE GAVE ME YESTERDAY!



HELLO, THERE, MISTER, I WANT TO..

SORRY, KIDDO! YOU MUST HAVE THE WRONG GUY! NEVER SAW YA BEFORE. SCRAM!

TSK, TSK.. TOO BAD, SOMEBODY GAVE ME \$1000 TO GIVE THE GUY, WHO LET ME LOOK THRU HIS TELESCOPE YESTERDAY! BUT IF YOU NEVER SAW ME BEFORE, YOU CAN'T BE HIM! SO LONG PAL!



THE ORIGINAL
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AND
DUSTY
the
BOY DETECTIVE

TO UNCLE SAM, WAR IS A SERIOUS BUSINESS! MERCILESSLY, HIS DRAGNET PULLS IN THE INSIDIOUS ENEMIES, OF THE UNITED NATIONS! AND SOMETIMES SOME STRANGE FISH ARE MINGLED WITH THE CATCH! YES, INDEED, FATE HAS PLAYED A VERY IRONICAL TRICK UPON THE UNDERWORLD, FOR THIS TIME, IT IS THEY, WHO ARE THE 'INNOCENT BY-STANDERS'!! PUZZLED? YOU'LL FIND OUT WHAT WE MEAN, WHEN YOU READ...

The
**GANGSTER'S
DILEMMA**



YES, FOR YEARS, THE HOODLUMS PURSUED THEIR RACKETS "PEACEFULLY."

YOU, BLOODY RATS, AAAGH!!

CONSIDER YOURSELF, OFFICIALLY UNPROTECTED!

by Bill Vignola

NEVER HURTING ANYONE MUCH...

THEY EVEN HELPED AMERICA "DISTRIBUTE" HER WEALTH...

YES, INDUSTRIOUS, HAPPY, PROSPEROUS MEN, THEN...

DIS IS DE BEST HAUL TODAY!

GRAB THE STUFF, AND LET'S BEAT IT!!

DIS IS DE SECOND BEST KIND OF SKIN I LIKE!

GEE.. ME MUDDER'LL BE. TICKLED WID HER NEW FUR COAT!

JAPS ATTACKS

GERMANY DECLARES WAR!

AND SO, A COMPLETELY NEW TYPE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CAME INTO EXISTENCE, FOR COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PURPOSES...

THAT CUTTERS GOING INTO WATERS, FORBIDDEN TO CIVILIANS!

LOOKS LIKE WE'LL NEVER GET THROUGH VISITING EVERY HOUSE IN THE DISTRICT!

QUIT BEEFING.. OUR ORDERS ARE TO SEE THAT EVERY HOUSE HAS THE PROPER EQUIPMENT!

STEP ON IT, PETE! WE'RE BEIN' CHASED BY A NAVY BOAT!

GOTTA KEEP OUR EYES OPEN, FOR ANY SUSPICIOUS CARS CROSSING THIS BRIDGE!

RIGHT!! SABOTEURS'D LIKE TO BLOW IT UP, IF THEY COULD!!

ACCIDENTAL DISCOVERIES CUT DEEPLY INTO OUR FRIENDS' ENTERPRISES...

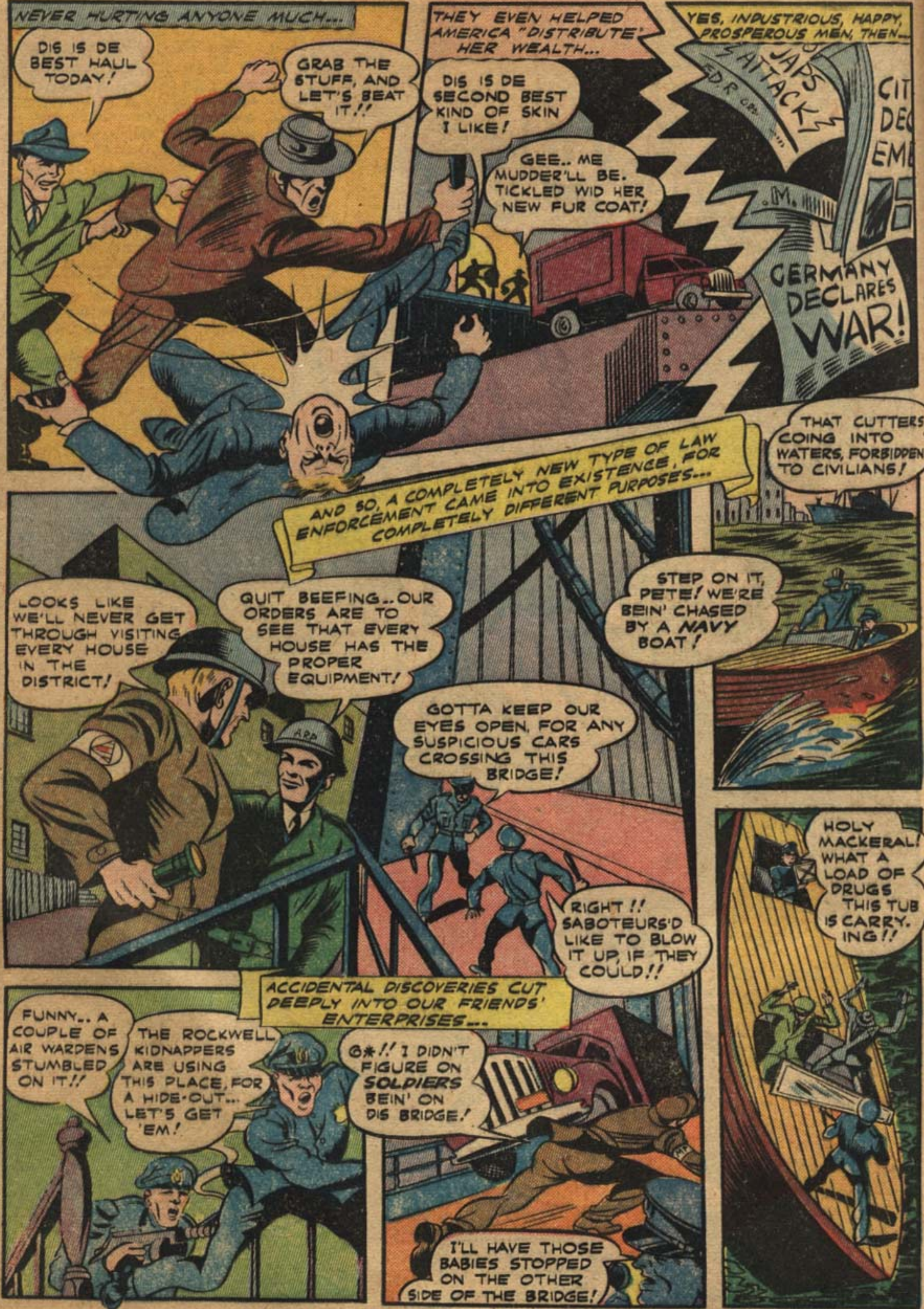
HOLY MACKEREL! WHAT A LOAD OF DRUGS THIS TUB IS CARRYING!!

FUNNY.. A COUPLE OF AIR WARDENS STUMBLED ON IT!!

THE ROCKWELL KIDNAPPERS ARE USING THIS PLACE, FOR A HIDE-OUT... LET'S GET 'EM!

@@!! I DIDN'T FIGURE ON SOLDIERS BEIN' ON DIS BRIDGE!

I'LL HAVE THOSE BABIES STOPPED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BRIDGE!



AND SO, THESE VICTIMS OF THE WAR ARE BEING CARRIED OFF TO JAIL...

DIS WAR DONE DIS TO US! IT'S A CONSPIRACY.. DAT'S WOT IT IS!!

DON'T WORRY, WHEN YOU GET OUT, THERE WON'T BE ANY WAR!

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE MANPOWER SHORTAGE? WELL, SO HAS RYPLING BROOKS, UNHAPPY LEADER OF A RAPIDLY DISAPPEARING GANG....

WHAT? THEY ARRESTED THREE MORE OF OUR BOYS, FOR TRYING TO UNLOAD TIRES? BUT WE SWIPED THOSE TIRES MORE THAN A YEAR AGO! THEY CAN'T BE HOT THIS LONG, ROCKY!

DAT AIN'T IT, BOSS! WE'RE CHARGED WITH **BLACK MARKET** ACTIVITIES !!

THIS WAR IS GETTING IN MY HAIR! THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING, I COULD MAKE MORE MONEY **HONESTLY**, THAN I CAN IN THE **RACKETEER**! AFTER ALL, I'M AN ENGINEER.. SAY.. THAT GIVES ME AN **IDEA!**

PAINT.. DISGUISE.. THERE'S A THOUSAND WAYS TO COVER UP! HELLO!

BROGANSBROOK SHOP? SEND ME ALL THE BOOKS YOU'VE GOT ON CAMOUFLAGE! YEAH!.. I'M DOING SOME SPECIAL WORK, IN **CONNECTION WITH THE WAR!!**

DON'T TELL ME, YOU'RE GOIN' STRAIGHT, BOSS??

NO, YOU FOOL! I'M GOING TO STEAL A PAGE FROM THE ARMY.. CAMOUFLAGE! THEY WEREN'T LOOKING FOR OUR BOYS; THEY STUMBLED ON THEM, BECAUSE THEY WERE CHECKING EVERYONE!

AND AN OLD INDUSTRY, YIELDS TO THE DEMANDS OF THE TIMES..

DIS IS A GREAT IDEA, THE BOSS HAD.. WE HAVEN'T STOPPED ONCE YET!!

AND NO ONE WOULD T'INK OF DIGGIN' UNDER ALL DAT JUNK TO FIND DE LOOT!

WAR MATERIALS IN TRANSIT

WHAT A **HIDEOUT!** NO ONE COMES HERE TO CHECK ON NOTHIN'!

YEH.. IMAGINE!.. DEY DON'T EVEN CARE IF WE GOT STIRRUP PUMPS, OR NOT!!

SMALL POX
NO ADMITTANCE
BOARD OF HEALTH

AND SOME TIME LATER, AT A RELIEF BALL....

MUST YOU LEAVE SO SOON, MRS. VAN PILCO?

I'M AFRAID SO, COLONEL EDGERTON!

DIDJA GET ALL DE DOPE ON DE VAN PILCO DAME, BOSS?

YEAH! SHE REALLY THOUGHT I WAS A COLONEL, ROCKY! NOW, HERE'S WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO!

OUTSIDE, JOE HIGGINS AND DUSTY SEE...

SAY! THAT'S A LOT OF JEWELRY, THAT WOMAN IS WEARING, JOE!

YEAH, DUSTY! BUT I'M A LOT MORE INTERESTED IN THAT 14 CARAT PHOINIEY WITH HER!

OUTER CLOTHES DISCARDED IN THE SHADOW OF AN ARBOR, THE PAIR BECOME THE SHIELD AND DUSTY THE BOY DETECTIVE...

AND WE'RE HOPPING A RIDE WITH OUR WEALTHY LADY!!

I RECOGNIZE HIM BEHIND THAT CAMOUFLAGE! HE'S RYPLING BROOKS!

I GET IT, SHIELD! SOMETHING'S COOKING WITH THAT CROOK! AND THIS DAME'S ON HIS MENU, EH!

ABRUPTLY, MRS. VAN PILCO'S CHAUFFEUR IN REALITY ARMED GUARDS, LEAP OUT, GUNS DRAWN AND WARY...

STOP THE CAR!

LOOK! A TREE ACROSS THE ROAD!

OVER THE DESERTED HIGHWAY, STREAKS THE SLICK LIMOUSINE...

WHAT IS IT, MEN?

WE'RE NOT SURE YET, MRS. VAN PILCO!

BUT DON'T WORRY, WE'RE READY FOR ANY KIND OF A TRICK!

BUT SUDDENLY...

I DON'T KNOW!
BUT... BUT I CAN'T
SEE A THING!

MANTLED BY THE THICK
SMOKE A FIGURE SNEAKS
UPON THE GUARDS, AND...

ED... WHERE'S
ALL THIS SMOKE
COMING
FROM?

IT AIN'T FOR WOT
DEY'RE WOIT, LADY!
I'M JUST A LOVER
OF ART!!

REGAN!
THOMSON!
STOP THEM!
THAT'S WHAT I
PAY YOU FOR!

HERE HE COMES,
DUSTY... BRUSH
THE SMOKE
OFF HIM!

UULP... HOW'D
YOU GET
HERE?

DUSTING BY
DUSTY... WANT A
CRACK TOO,
SHIELD?

UNSEEN -
THE ROOMY
CAR... TRUNK
EXPELS TWO
FIGURES...
THE SHIELD
AND DUSTY!
AND A NEW
BRAND OF
SMOKE
BEGINS
TO POUR
OUT OF
FLAILING
IRON-
STUPPED
FISTS...

SOCK

OOOF!

POW

UUGH!

WE CAN'T LET
OUR GUESTS
LEAVE IN A
HUFF!!

THIS IS ONE OF
MY BEST TRICKS!
IT'LL MAKE YOU
WIGGLE YOUR
EARS!!

I'M GETTING
OUTA HERE...
YOU AIN'T
GONNA TOSS
ME OUT!

SORRY, CHUM,
THIS IS GONNA
BE A FORCED
LANDING!

BAM

GHA!

EVER READY TO RECOGNIZE DEFEAT BEFORE IT RECOGNIZES HIM, ROCKY SILENTLY TAKES HIS LEAVE...



THERE'S ONE MORE... OH, OH! OUR PAL, ROCKY SKIPPED OUT ON US!

THANKS, FOR SAYING THE PEARLS, SHIELD! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THESE BIRDS NOW!

LATER AT THE CRIMINAL'S HEADQUARTERS...

THE SHIELD, EH? WELL, I'VE GOT A FEW SPECIAL TRICKS RIGGED UP FOR HIM IN CASE HE GETS TOO CLOSE! MEANWHILE WE'LL JUST GO AHEAD ON SCHEDULE!



BUT I TELL YA, THE SMOKE-SCREEN WORKED PERFECTLY! I DON'T KNOW HOW IT BACKFIRED! I WAS LUCKY, TO GET AWAY!!

AND THE NEXT DAY, AS AN ARMORED TRUCK BRINGS A PAYROLL TO A WAR PLANT, OUTSIDE OF TOWN...



WHAT'S THAT?

SOUNDS LIKE AN EXPLOSION!

CAREFUL, BOYS, SMELLS LIKE TROUBLE!

NOT A SOUL AROUND!

NO ONE HERE EITHER.. LET'S SEE WHERE THE EXPLOSION CAME FROM!



HERE IT IS! JUST A FIRECRACKER, SOMEONE TOSSED IT ON THE ROAD!

JUST TO STOP US, EH? SO THEY CAN TAKE US BY SURPRISE!

THEY WON'T WALK INTO THESE GUNS!



PERHAPS NOT.. BUT WAIT.. DID THAT SHRUB MOVE?

STEALTHILY, MURDEROUS GUNS DRAW A BEAD ON THEIR PREY...



CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS.. GOTTA GET CLOSER!

WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL, LET 'EM HAVE IT!



NOW! MOW 'EM DOWN!

RAT-PAT-PAT

GOTCHA, ROCKY!



LUCKY THING FOR US, THERE AIN'T MUCH TRAFFIC ON THIS ROAD!

YEH... BUT LET'S STEP ON IT ANYWAY... I'M NOVOUS!



AN IMPATIENT PAYMASTER AWAITS THE ARRIVAL OF THE MONEY...

MINUTES LATER THE GRIM NEWS FILLS THE AIR...

FLASH! AN ARMORED TRUCK BRINGING THE PAYROLL TO THE COOPER AERONAUTICAL WORKS HAS BEEN FOUND ON THE ROAD, LEADING TO THE PLANT! THE TRUCK HAS BEEN ROBBED, AND THE GUARDS MURDERED! THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF A STRUGGLE!

NO SIGNS OF A STRUGGLE, EH? WONDER HOW THEY GOT CLOSE ENOUGH, TO DO THE JOB?

O.K. YOU DON'T HAVE TO CONVINCE ME.. LET'S GO TAKE A LOOK!

MAYBE THE GUARDS WERE IN ON THE HOLD-UP AND GOT DOUBLE-CROSSED!

YOU SHOULDN'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS, YOUNGSTER!

THE BANK SAYS, THE TRUCK SHOULD HAVE REACHED HERE, AN HOUR AGO.. THEY'LL CHECK IMMEDIATELY!

THE COPS HAVE BEEN OVER THIS PLACE ALREADY! THEY EVEN TORE UP THE BUSHES!

WAIT, SOMEONE TORE UP THESE BUSHES, BUT I DON'T THINK IT WAS THE COPS!

THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW, WHO BOUGHT THEM?

.. YES.. I SOLD HALF A DOZEN OF THESE SHRUBS, BUT I TOLD THE GENTLEMEN, I DIDN'T CONSIDER THEM VERY PRETTY!

SOMEONE PUT A PRICE-TAG ON THIS, AND I'LL BET IT WASN'T THE POLICE! DUNKEL'S FLOWER SHOP! HMM... THAT'S OUR NEXT STOP!



I DELIVERED THEM TO A MR. BROOKS, AT 1211 CONVENT ST. !!

THANKS.. COME ON DUSTY, WE HAVE TO STEP ON IT!

CRASH

NICE WORK, BOYS! NOT A SINGLE WITNESS! THEY'LL NEVER... WHAT IN... THE SHIELD!

YES, BROOKS! IT'S REALLY ME !!

BUT THE WILY BROOKS HAS YET ANOTHER TRICK UP HIS SLEEVE.. HIS FINGER TOUCHES A BUTTON, AND---

GRAB 'EM!
THEY'RE OUT COLD!

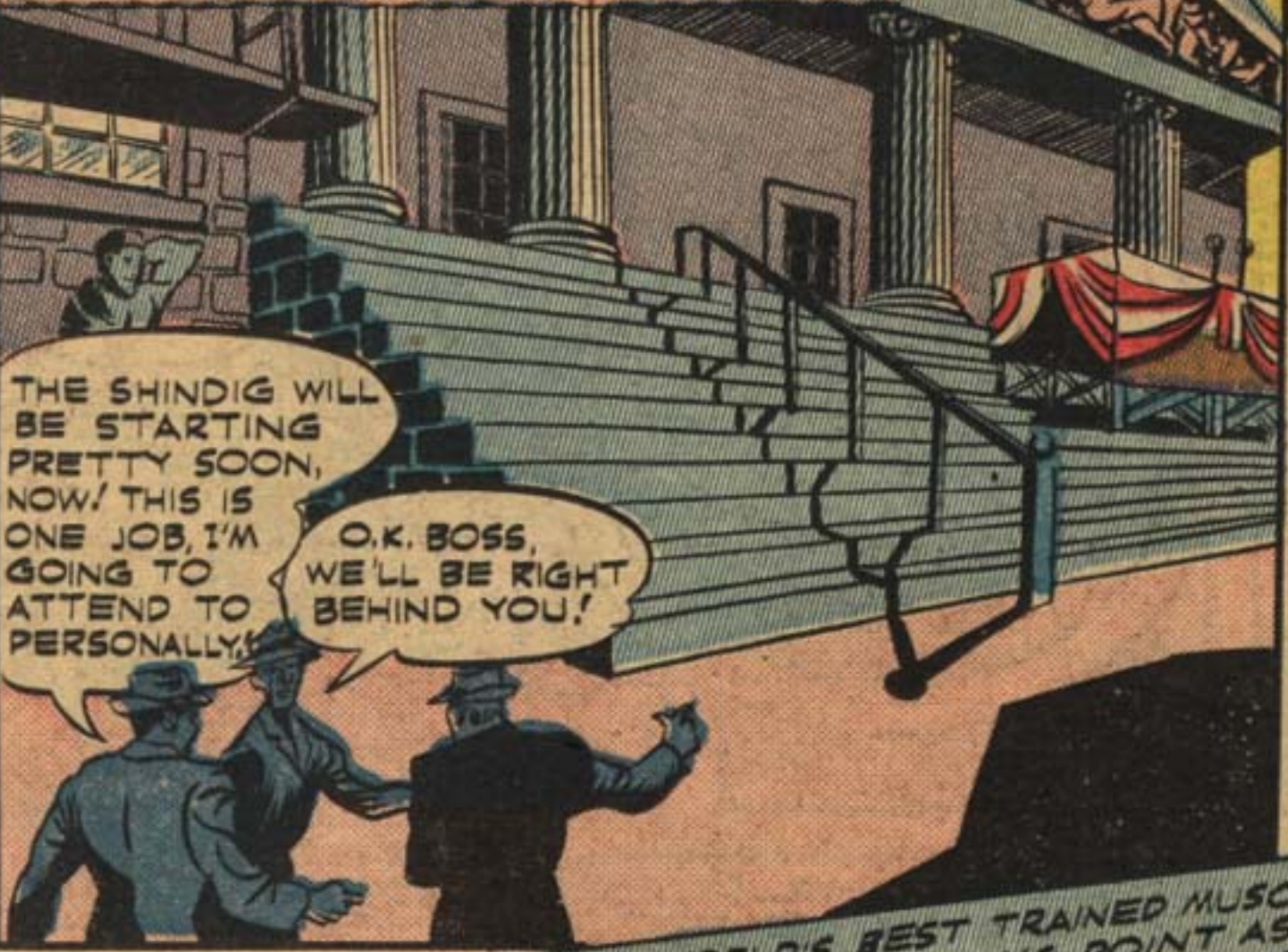
WITHOUT ANY CAMOUFLAGE!

AND THIS IS ANOTHER ONE OF MY LITTLE TOYS! THE EDGE OF THAT MANTLE, CONCEALS A GUILLOTINE! I SIMPLY SET IT TO GO OFF, AND... **POOF...** YOUR FOOLISH HEADS NO LONGER BELONG TO YOUR BODIES!

I WON'T TELL YOU WHAT TIME I'VE SET THIS CLOCK FOR SO THAT YOU CAN ENJOY THE NEXT FEW MINUTES WITHOUT KNOWING WHICH WILL BE YOUR LAST!

AND NOW, AU REVOIR, SHIELD.. I HAVE AN **APPOINTMENT** AT THE MUSEUM! **HA, HA, HA !!**

A SHORT TIME LATER... THE VILLAINOUS PARTY ARRIVES AT ITS DESTINATION....



THE SHINDIG WILL BE STARTING PRETTY SOON, NOW! THIS IS ONE JOB, I'M GOING TO ATTEND TO PERSONALLY!

O.K. BOSS, WE'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU!

MEANWHILE, SHIELD AND DUSTY HEAR THE FATAL TICKING OF THE CLOCK...



NO USE WAITING FOR THE TRAP TO GO OFF, I'LL TRY TO SPRING IT MYSELF.. WE CAN'T BE ANY WORSE OFF!

AM I CRAZY TOO, OR HAVE YOU GOT AN IDEA?

IT CAME DOWN TOO EASILY FOR MY TASTE.. ARE YOU WILLING TO LIFT YOUR HEAD AND LET ME TAKE A CHANCE??

THE WORLD'S BEST TRAINED MUSCLES STRAIN TO THE BREAKING POINT AS THE SHIELD PAINFULLY GUIDES TOWARD THE ROPES BINDING DUSTY!! THEN AT LONG LAST....

R.R.RIP



GO AHEAD SHIELD!

THAT DOES IT! START WORKING YOURSELF FREE, LAD!

GRAB THE KNIFE.. CAN'T HOLD THIS POSITION MUCH LONGER!

I CAN MOVE NOW.. ONCE MORE AND MY HANDS WILL BE FREE!

GREAT WORK, SHIELD.. I'LL TAKE CARE OF MY FEET, AFTER I GET YOU FREE!

PHEW.. I'M GLAD THAT'S OVER.. MY SPINE FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN RUN OVER!

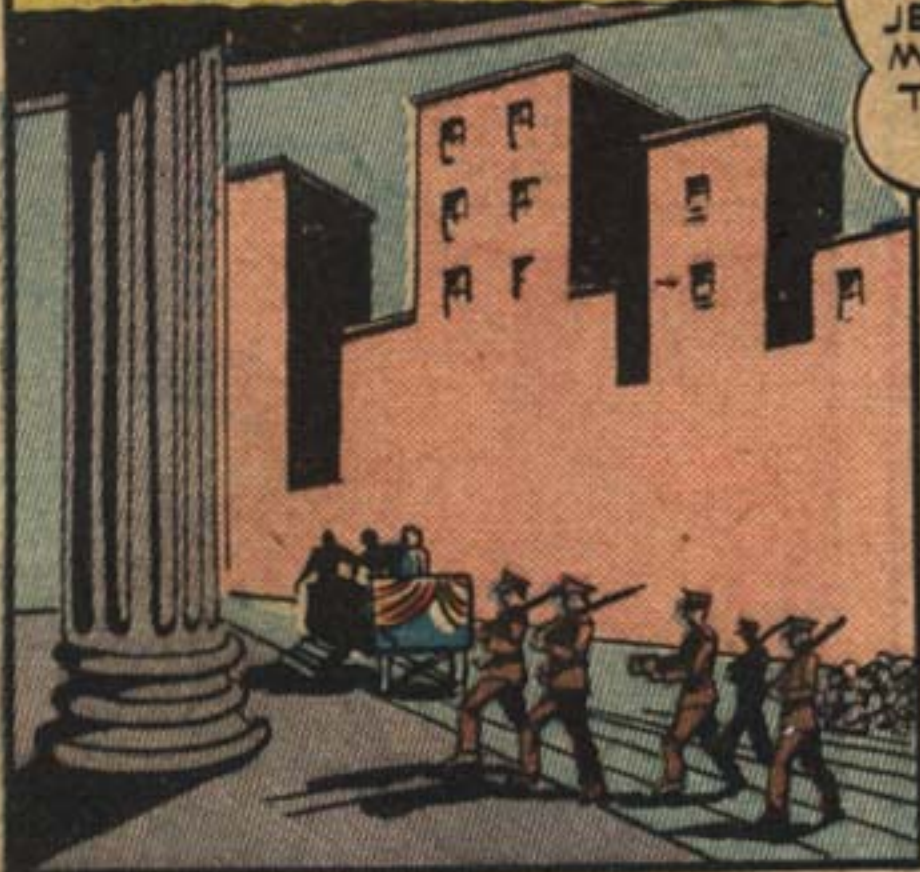


CHECK! THE TYRANEAN CROWN JEWELS ARE DUE THERE TODAY!

NOW, FOR THE NATIONAL MUSEUM! IT'S AN EASY GUESS, TO KNOW WHAT BROOKS IS AFTER!



ON THE STEPS OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM, A MILITARY ESCORT ARRIVES WITH THE JEWELS..



..AND SO, IT IS OUR GREAT PLEASURE TO ACCEPT FOR SAFEKEEPING THESE GLORIOUS TYRANEAN CROWN JEWELS, UNTIL, EUROPE BECOMES MORE SAFE FOR CIVILIZATION! THIS IRREPLACEABLE TREASURE WILL REMAIN IN OUR NATIONAL MUSEUM!!



AT THAT MOMENT, AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT OCCURS, IN THE STREET BELOW!!

EEEK!

LOOK OUT!

HE'LL BE MURDERED!



THE EXCITEMENT QUICKLY PASSES OVER.. THEN...

AS I WAS SAYING, THE ROYAL HOUSE CAN BE SURE, THAT... **AWK!** THE JEWELS ARE GONE! THEY'VE DISAPPEARED!



I'LL TAKE CHARGE HERE.. SEARCH THE PLATFORM, LET NO ONE

LEAVE! THOSE JEWELS CAN'T HAVE GONE FAR!

YESSIR!

AFTER A THOROUGH SEARCH OF THE PLATFORM..

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.. WE WERE RIGHT HERE.. NO ONE COULD HAVE GOT AWAY!.. BUT THEY ARE GONE!

I'M RUINED! DISGRACED! YOU MUST DO SOMETHING!



NOTHING? THEN GO OVER THE PLACE AGAIN! EVERY INCH OF IT!



ACCIDENTALLY, A SOLDIER BRANDISHES HIS RIFLE, SLAMS IT INTO A PILLAR, AND..

WATCH OUT! THE PILLAR IS TOPPLING!

HOLY COW! I DIDN'T HIT THAT HARD!



THE PILLAR PROVES TO BE A HOLLOW PROP.. AND OUT OF IT STEPS-- RYPLING BROOKS!

BUT, STRANGE THINGS CONTINUE TO HAPPEN! THE WALL TOO SEEMS TO COME TO LIFE.. AND THE SHIELD'S STAR-SPANGLED FIGURE MATERIALIZES...

ALL CLEAR BEHIND, BOSS... GLUG!

DON'T BE HASTY, GENTLEMEN! IF YOU STEP TOWARD ME, I WILL FIRE INTO THE CROWD!

TWO CAN PLAY AT YOUR GAME, MR. BROOKS! THE FLAG ON THE WALL CAMOUFLAGED ME THIS TIME!



DISARMED, THE VANDALS ARE EASILY OVERCOME..



YOU BETTER PRAY THAT I DON'T TRIP!

I GOT THIS IDEA FROM YOUR GUILLOTINE!

THIS IS THE CLEVER GAME YOU INVENTED! BUT I PREFER MY WAY OF PLAYING IT!

THIS IS THE ONLY BACKGROUND I'D TRUST HIM WITH! BUT HE'LL SWAP IT IN SOON FOR AN ELECTRIC HELMET!



BOY, WOTTA STORY! I WANT TO SNAP THAT GUY'S MUG!

JUST A MOMENT, BOYS! I THINK WE NEED A SETTING FOR THIS PICTURE!



IT CERTAINLY LOOKS GENUINE, BUT I'LL LIKE THE REAL THING BETTER!

TRUE FACT STORY

By ANONYMOUS

LET he who laughs with criminal scorn at the true axiom "CRIME DOES NOT PAY" be counseled by those who know.

Twelve years ago the author shared a cell on "One Row" in the east building of the Texas Prison with James Gillespie, better known to the inmates and officials as "Dago," or Steeple-Jack. As might be assumed, Dago was of Italian descent, dark, robust and of medium height. He boasted that he could climb the tallest spire of human architecture with grace and ease. He said other climbers might call themselves "human flies" but that he could go still higher; therefore he was entitled to the title of Human Fly Speck.

Now all of this mighty claim was all right with the officials of the Texas Prison, and it was a problem solved for the warden. There was always a smokestack to be painted, a perilous building corner to be repaired or the huge cylindrical water tower in the prison yard to be painted. And, again, there was the great "Hell Clock" over the main administration building of the

prison which had to be cleaned of bird's nests and rust every Spring. The clock must be kept ticking to toll away the lives of men in white in the prison yard below and for those waiting for the walk of "the last mile" down in the death house. Still a more perilous job was the slender flagpole punching into the sky above the Hell Clock and the belfry. It suddenly became Dago's ambition to climb that flagpole and hug the tin ball atop the slender rod. He knew that the warden's one weakness was to have the prison under his wardenship as clean and neat as possible.

"That ball should gleam 'way up there in the sky," Dago said, "and I'm the human fly speck that can shinny that flagpole and do it."

And that was what got Dago the desired permission. However, the warden felt that Dago would bear watching just as hundreds of other long termers who had a few diversified boasts of their own, and especially so since Dago had already chosen two long-term convicts to assist him. Their job was to hoist the necessary

material up to the human fly speck after he had wormed his way up the slender pole to the tin ball. But there were plenty of extra guards around anyway. He selected one, assigned him to the job of guarding the trio, and went back to his office, which was all right with Dago.

Dago went about his business industriously and by nine o'clock everything was ready—all but one thing. The guard wasn't ready for Dago and his assistants to "go home." Nor was the guard who paced the tower directly across the street from the entrance, or any of the other guards on the towers around the wall. They were all very much alive. Dago had been watching the steady pacing and quick turns of the khaki-uniformed men with the gleaming high-powered rifles on their shoulders from his precarious perch on the flagpole. He knew that a gun-play was out of the question. But Dago was not going to use a gun for the simple reason that he did not have one. Nor did the guard inside the clock tower deem it necessary to carry one. He was not going to let his charges get out

of his sight anyway. The guard across the street and the two corner tower guards on the wall running east and west controlled the street and there were still more guards below. If they tried anything funny he would just call down the stairway leading up to the clock. The two assistants were standing in plain sight on the barren roof out there and he knew that Dago wasn't going to sprout wings and disappear from the tin ball, which had already taken on a golden color under the energetic strokes of the human fly speck's industrious brush. It was much too far to the ground in the street below for Dago to jump, so the guard sat down in the cool shade of the clock room. When the boys finished he would escort them down the stairway, report to the guard inside the steel cage in the "Bull Ring" and wave them through the steel doors leading back into the prison yard. That was what he thought, perhaps, and the natural thing to do, but Dago, the human fly speck, had other plans.

"Come on, boys, if you're finished," said the guard. But Dago was already half through the window into the clock room. It was a quick movement, an unexpected one. The

guard was already muffled, strong and smelly hands were already over his mouth. He felt the stout rope from the block and tackle by which the assistants had hoisted paint up to the human fly speck being tightened around his neck with a choking tautness. They were taking his clothes off, but he couldn't protest through the strong gag over his mouth. They would get what was coming to them for this when they reached the bottom of the stairs, and the guards down there became aware of an escape. That was what he thought. The human fly speck had another idea. He was already pulling the guard's clothes on. He smiled complacently as he buttoned the last button of the coat.

"Just a fit—wouldn't I make a good guard?" And then, "Chuck him over in the corner," he commanded of his aids. "Hurry up and get down them stairs and don't open your traps when we get to the bottom—leave it to me."

They stepped into the hall which was bustling with activity. Convict bookkeepers, trustees and guards were everywhere, darting from office to office across the hall through the "Bull Ring" doors. Some were searching prisoners, others were waiting to usher

visitors through the prison. All were alert, ever watchful. They were watching now.

The human fly speck saw it all with a glance from the bottom of the stair. He saw the man in the gun cage watching him closely, saw him scan the two life-term convicts directly in front of him. Then Dago showed that he could not only out-do most human flies by shinning a slender rod to hug a tin ball and paint it, but that he could act. That was why he had stripped the guard of his uniform, wasn't it? He raised his right hand in signal to the guard in the steel cage. "Taking a couple of men to town, here, boss," his husky voice sang out. "Go on!" said the guard in the cage, turning his attention to the bustling hallway and "Bull Ring."

And that is how "Dago" James Gillespie escaped from the Texas Prison a little over twelve years ago. Did they catch him? Yes, they caught him as they always do. When a thief goes to sleep, about half of the nation's cops wake up. A thief has one shift—while he is awake. He almost always gets "knocked off" on the other shift. Dago was brought back. He was finally made a trusty and then granted clemency.

THE WIZARD

and
ROY
the Superboy



HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU SAID, "IF I ONLY HAD THE TIME!" ONLY ONE MAN HAS REALIZED THE POTENTIAL POWER OF THIS ELEMENT--- TIME --- READ THIS FASCINATING STORY OF PROF. DEGNARED AND OF HIS SEARCH FOR TIME -- AND THE DISASTER THAT BEFELL HIM ---

Bill VIGODA

IN A PART OF A CITY!



UGH!



AHHH--



HMM---
HMMM---
HMMMM!



I'M AMAZED! PETRIFIED!
ASTOUNDED! IN FACT
I'M EVEN SURPRISED!



ROY, WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT OLD BOY IS UP TO?



HE SOUNDS NUTS TO ME!



NUTS! AM I?
WON'T THEY BE SURPRISED? HEE, HEE--- WON'T THEY BE SURPRISED!

OUR STORY BEGINS NEAR THE PROFESSOR'S LABORATORY!



HE'S GETTING AWAY ROY--YOU TAKE THE LEFT STREET AND I'LL SCOOT AROUND THIS WAY!

THE CRIMINAL CONFRONTS THE PROFESSOR'S LABORATORY!



THIS LOOKS LIKE A GOOD HIDEAWAY--

AND ENTERS...



LOOK, MISTER YOU'RE GONNA HIDE ME, SEE OR I'LL PLUG YOU!

YAH! A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE I PRESUME!

I'LL BE ONLY TOO GLAD TO HELP YOU, BUT YOU MUST TRUST ME! HERE DRINK THE CONTENTS OF THIS VIAL!



OKAY-- I'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE --- HERE GOES--



NOW DO AS I SAY! JUMP OUT OF THAT WINDOW! JUMP, I TELL YOU!



OKAY! IT'S ONLY A SHORT JUMP! BUT IF YOU'RE CROSSIN' ME UP---



NOW TO WAIT--



SUDDENLY-- A KNOCK AT THE DOOR--





HELLO! THERE'S A KIDNAPPER ON THE LOOSE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD! SEE ANY SIGN OF HIM?



YES! I THINK I CAN HELP YOU FIND HIM! BUT FIRST DRINK THIS WATER!

WHAT FOR--- OH, OKAY! LET'S HAVE IT!



NOW COME--I WILL SHOW YOU THE MAN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!



THE MAD PROFESSOR TAKES ROY TO THE WINDOW--AND AS ROY LOOKS OUT---

YOU'LL SEE HIM SOON-- HEH, HEH--TOMORROW TO BE EXACT---

HELP!



A MOMENT LATER---

WHERE'S THAT BOY THAT ENTERED HERE A FEW MINUTES AGO?

I SENT HIM INTO THE FUTURE!

AND THE KIDNAPPER TOO!



DON'T GIVE ME THAT ROT! YOU'RE IN CAHOOTS WITH THE CROOK!

AH! YOU DON'T BELIEVE I HAVE DISCOVERED THE SECRET OF TIME, EH? TOO BAD - FOR YOUR FRIEND!



THROUGH THE ETHER A MESSAGE REACHES THE WIZARD'S SUPERBRAIN---

DO WHAT HE TELLS YOU TO DO, WIZARD!

ROY! WELL I'LL BE--



WIZARD DRINKS AND JUMPS---

OKAY, ROY, HERE I COME!

AND AS THE WIZARD SAILS THROUGH THE WINDOW A WEIRD
GIDDINESS OVERCOMES HIM AND HE SEEMINGLY FEELS HIM-
SELF PLUNGED THROUGH THE VASTNESSES OF SPACE ---



WHERE AM I--
WHERE'S ROY?



HERE I AM,
WIZARD!
WIZARD!
BEHIND YOU!
WATCH OUT!



THEN FROM BEHIND A BOULDER---

TAKE DAT, YOU
DOITY-- OOF--
MISSED!



I DON'T
KNOW WHERE
WE ARE -- OR
HOW WE GOT
HERE!

Oooooe!



THE CRIMINAL LEAPS--



BUT I DO KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING-- INTO THE CLINK!

AND----



AAAGHH!

BAM!



YOU NEVER DID KNOW HOW TO USE YOUR HEAD--

OH YEAH!



OW!

TRY TO FIGURE THIS ONE OUT, BRAINY!

THE WIZARD IS KNOCKED OUT--

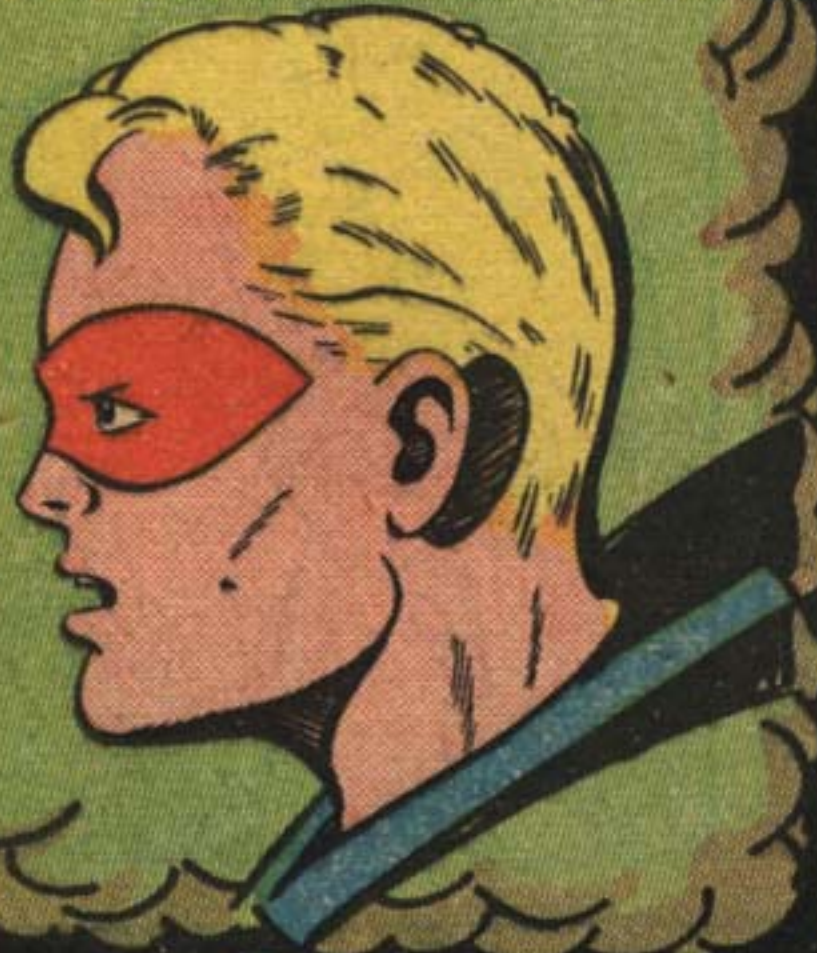


HERE'S A WEIGHTY MATTER FOR YOU!



HA, HA--

MEANWHILE ROY HAS MANAGED TO UNTIE HIMSELF----



NO YOU DON'T! DROP THAT!



WHAM!
WHAM!



WELL, THAT FINISHES HIM--

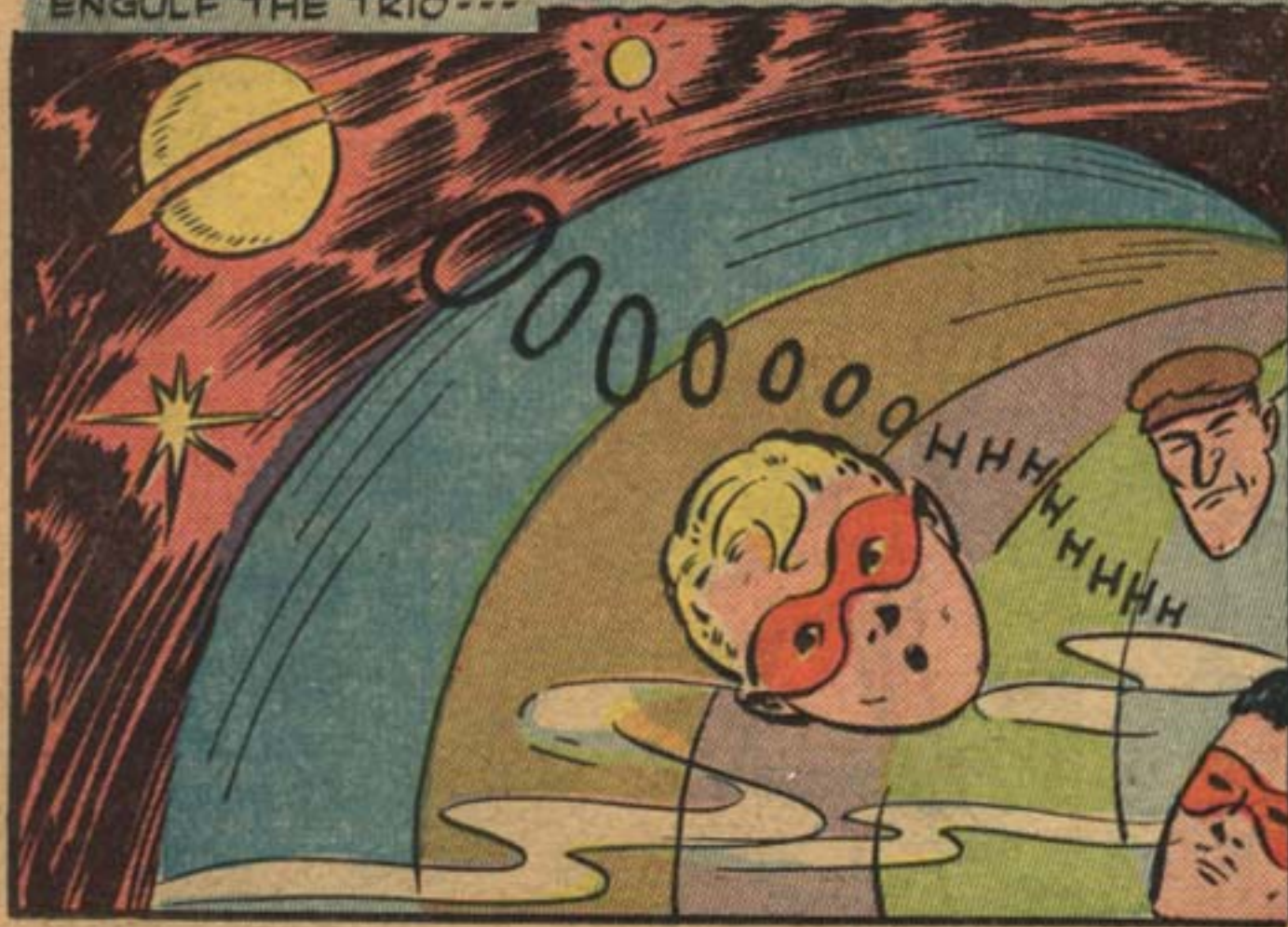
BUT THE FLUID IS BEGINNING TO LOSE ITS POTENCY---



I FEEL SICK--

ME TOO!

AND ONCE AGAIN, SPACE SEEMS TO REACH OUT AND ENGULF THE TRIO---



NOW!

WH--WHAT HAPPENED?

I DON'T KNOW! BUT WE'RE ALL IN ONE PIECE ANYWAY!



A FEW HOURS LATER--

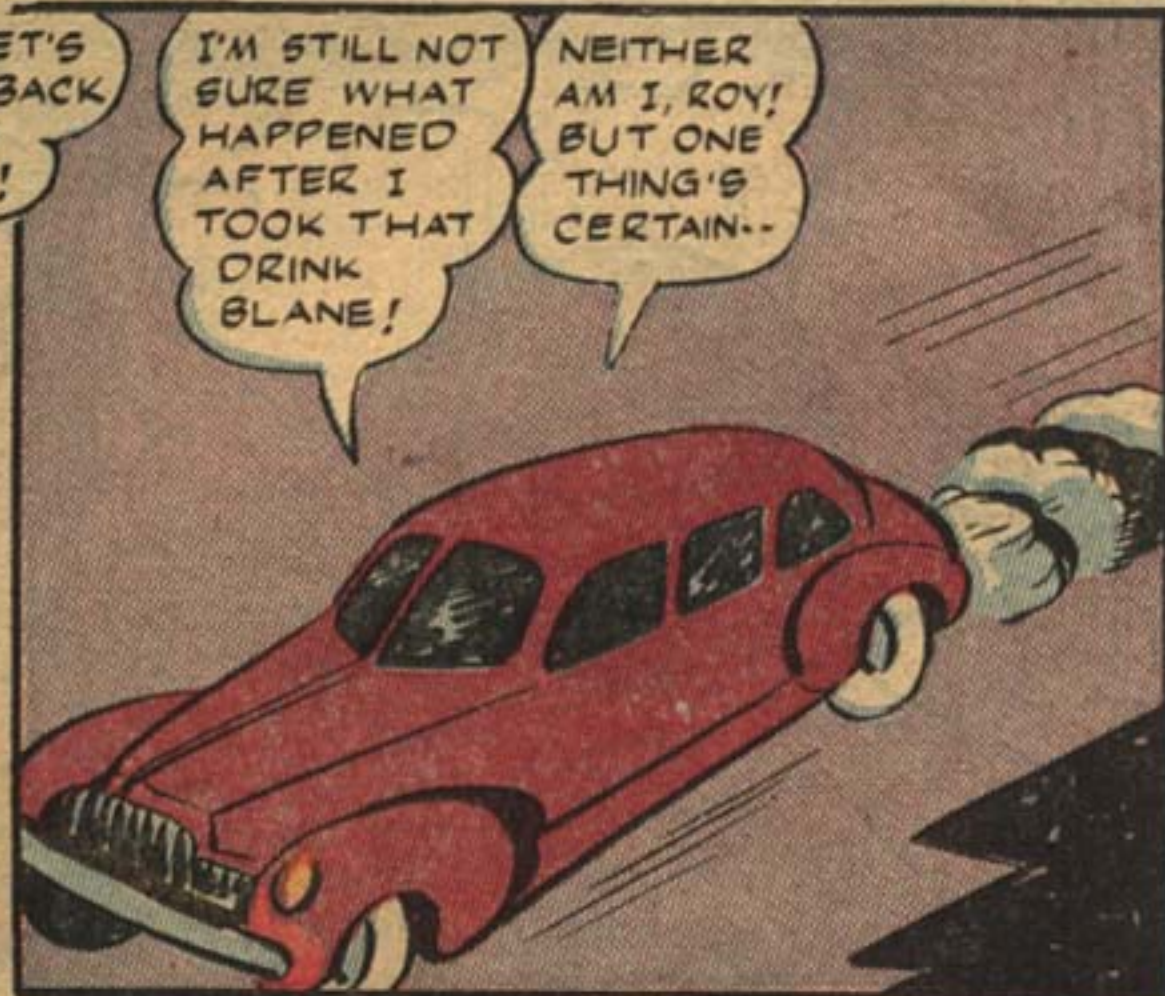
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THAT'S ONE KIDNAPPER LESS THE WORLD WILL HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT!

YEAH! LET'S HURRY BACK TO THE OFFICE!

I'M STILL NOT SURE WHAT HAPPENED AFTER I TOOK THAT DRINK BLANE!

NEITHER AM I, ROY! BUT ONE THING'S CERTAIN--



THE YARN THAT OLD CRACKPOT GAVE US ABOUT GOING INTO THE FUTURE WAS A LOT OF BALONEY!

YEAH! GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT!

BLANE IS MET BY A VERY ANGRY JANE----

WELL, MR. BLANE WHITNEY! I'LL KNOW BETTER THAN TO MAKE ANY DATES IN THE FUTURE WITH YOU!

HUH?





YOU ACT AS THOUGH I STOOD YOU UP! OUR DATES FOR TONIGHT-- THURSDAY, REMEMBER?

ARE YOU TRYING TO BE FUNNY? THIS IS FRIDAY!

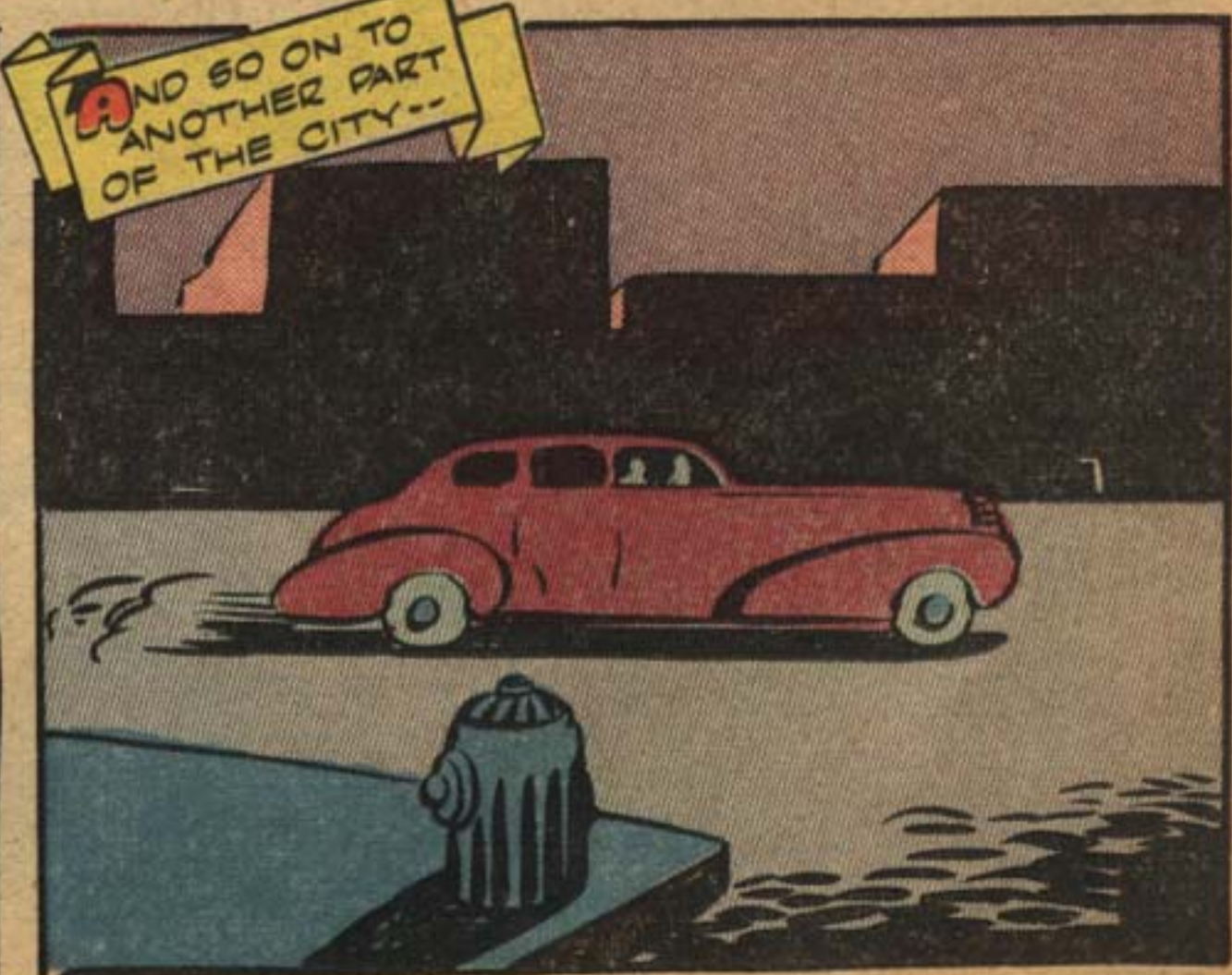


FRIDAY! BUT-- BUT THAT'S IM-POSSIBLE! IT WAS JUST THURSDAY A FEW MINUTES AGO! I MEAN-- UH-- THAT IS--



C'MON, ROY. LET'S SEE WHAT THAT SCREWY PROF. HAS TO SAY ABOUT THIS!

STRANGE DOINGS--



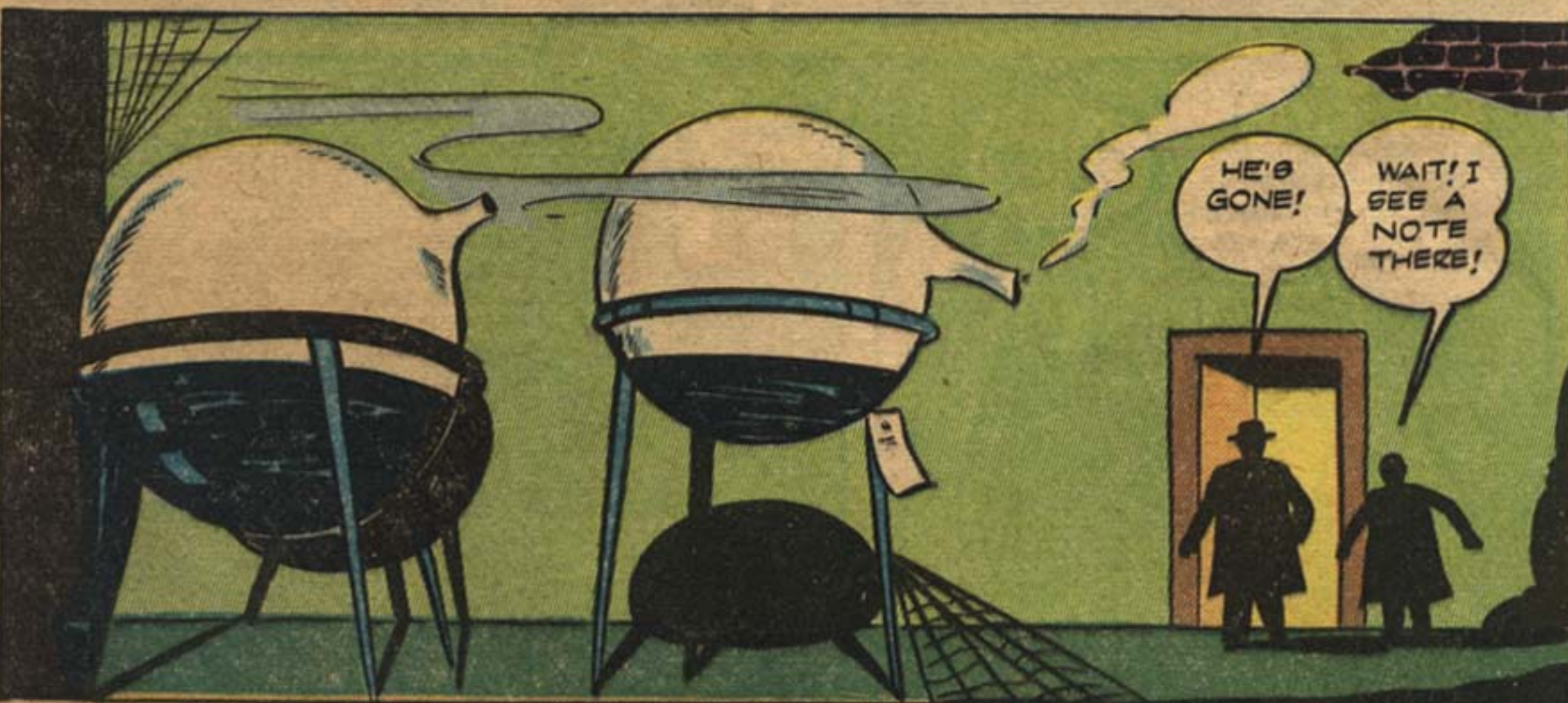
AND SO ON TO ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY--



-- SEEMS PRETTY QUIET!

YEAH, HE MUST BE OUT TO LUNCH--

AND SO UP THE RICKETY STAIRS---



THE WIZARD

and
ROY
the Superboy

BY
Bill VIGODA

WELL, ROY AND THE WIZARD DECIDED TO TAKE THEIR VACATION--AND WHAT A LOVELY RESORT THEY PICKED FOR THEIR RELAXATION THE WEST INDIES! A BEAUTIFUL PLACE WITH PALM TREES, LUSH FRUIT--A WONDERFUL SPOT FOR MURDER AND VOODOO HATE!

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A HEALTHY RESTFUL VACATION!

YOU BET--JUST LEAVE ALL YOUR CARES AND TROUBLES BEHIND YOU--



A CARGO FREIGHTER BEARS BLANE AND ROY THRU THE TREACHEROUS SEAS!



WE SURE CAN USE THIS VACATION, ROY--

THIS AIR IS WONDERFUL!

NOT THE CLASS-
IEST ACCOMODA-
TION BUT IT'LL
GET US THERE!



GEE--BLANE--
I JUST CAN'T
WAIT TO GET
THERE--

WELL---IN
A FEW
MINUTES
WE SHOULD
BE THERE!

WOW--
WHAT
JUNGLE!



WELCOME, MR. WHITNEY!
I'M JOHNSON, MR. GARNER'S
OVERSEER! HOPE YOU
ENJOY YOUR STAY!

THANKS, MR.
JOHNSON!
WHERE'S MR.
GARNER?

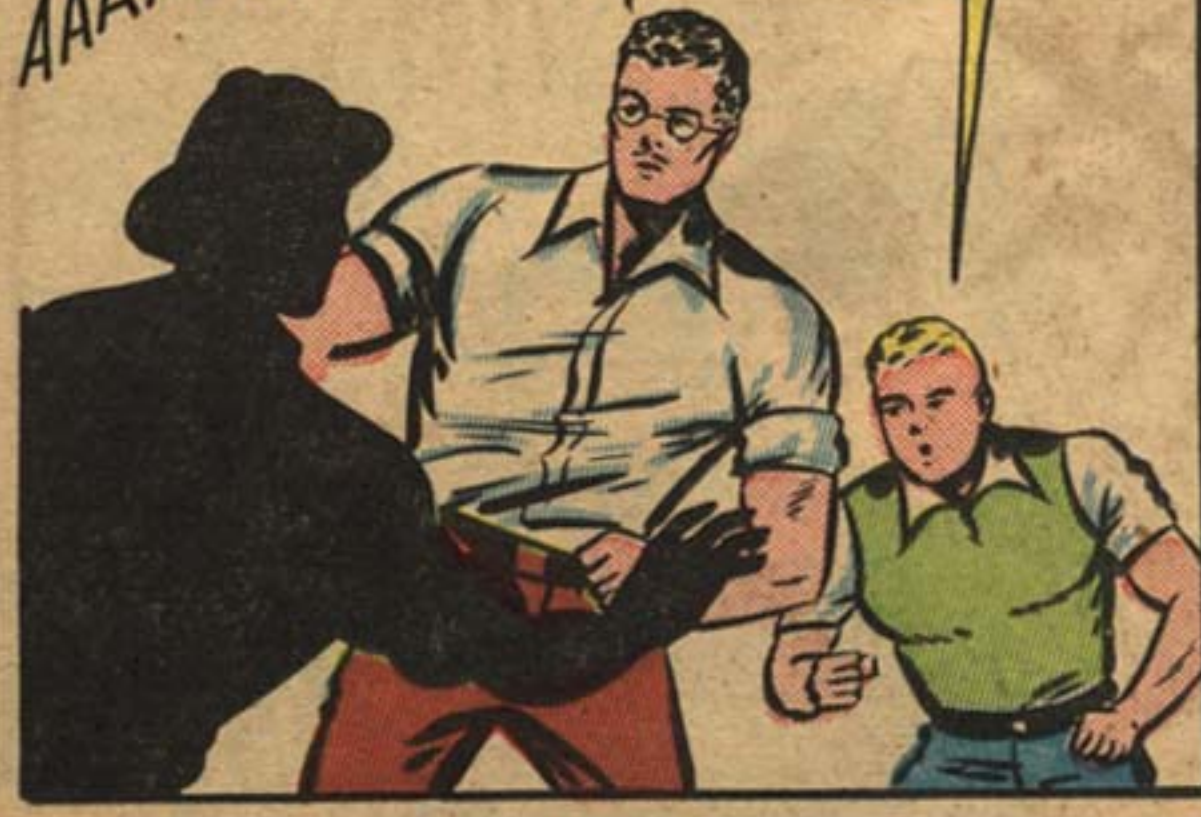


SUDDENLY--

AAAAA AAGGHHH--

A
SCREAM!

IT CAME
FROM THE
JUNGLE--



LET'S LOOK
INTO THIS--

--SOUNDED LIKE
SOMEONE IN
PAIN!





HOLY COW-- IT'S GARNER HE'S BEEN MURDERED!

HOW WAS HE KILLED? THERE'S NOT A SCRATCH ON HIM!



SHHH-- THERE'S SOME-ONE IN THE BUSHES!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? DID YOU MURDER MR. GARNER? TALK--

NO-- WHITE MAN-- ME NOT KILL BOSS-MAN!



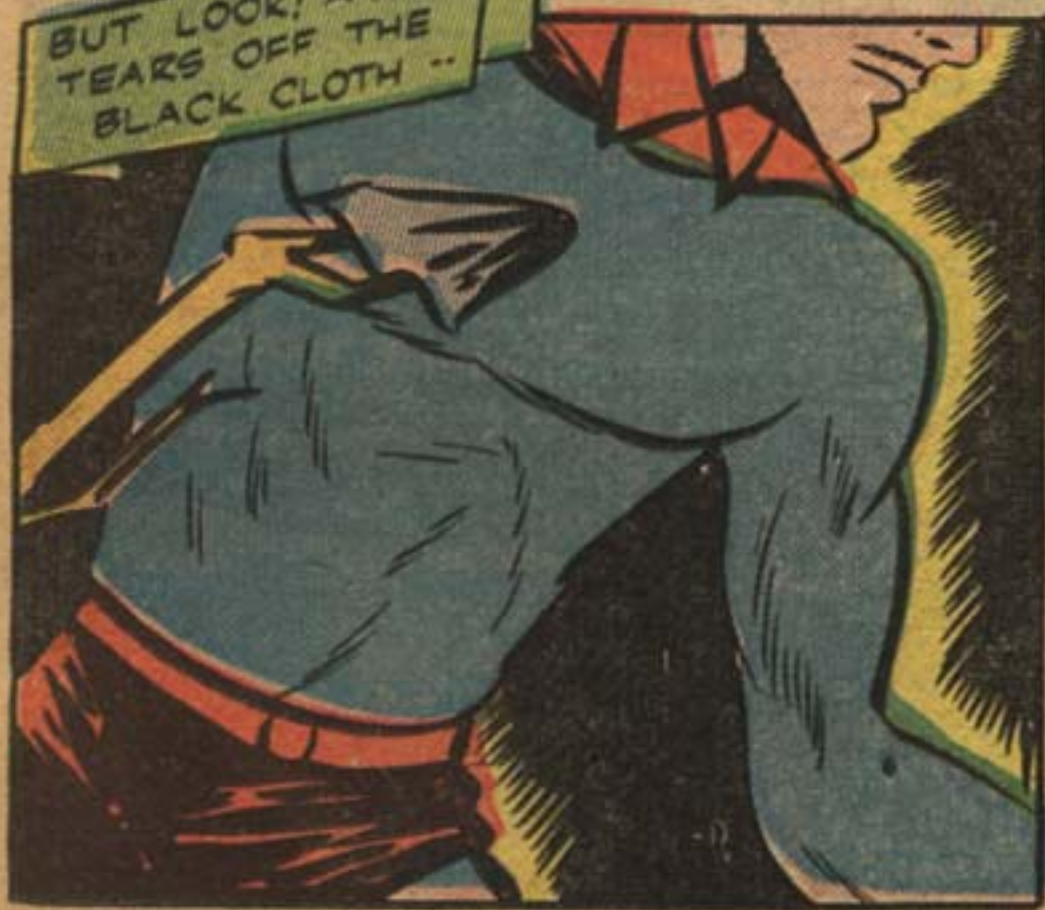
GO SEE SO-GULI-- VOODOO PRIEST OF MY PEOPLE, HE KNOW-- HE KNOW EVERYTHING---



TAKE TRAIL ON RIGHT AND WALK FOR TWENTY MINUTES, YOU FIND--

BUT--FIRST I PIN BLACK CLOTH OF PAIN ON YOU AS A PASS-- WITHOUT THIS YOU WILL BE KILLED!





LOOK OUT, WIZARD!
HERE COME SOME
MORE!



THE MORE THE
MERRIER-- YOU
TWO OUGHT TO
GET TOGETHER!



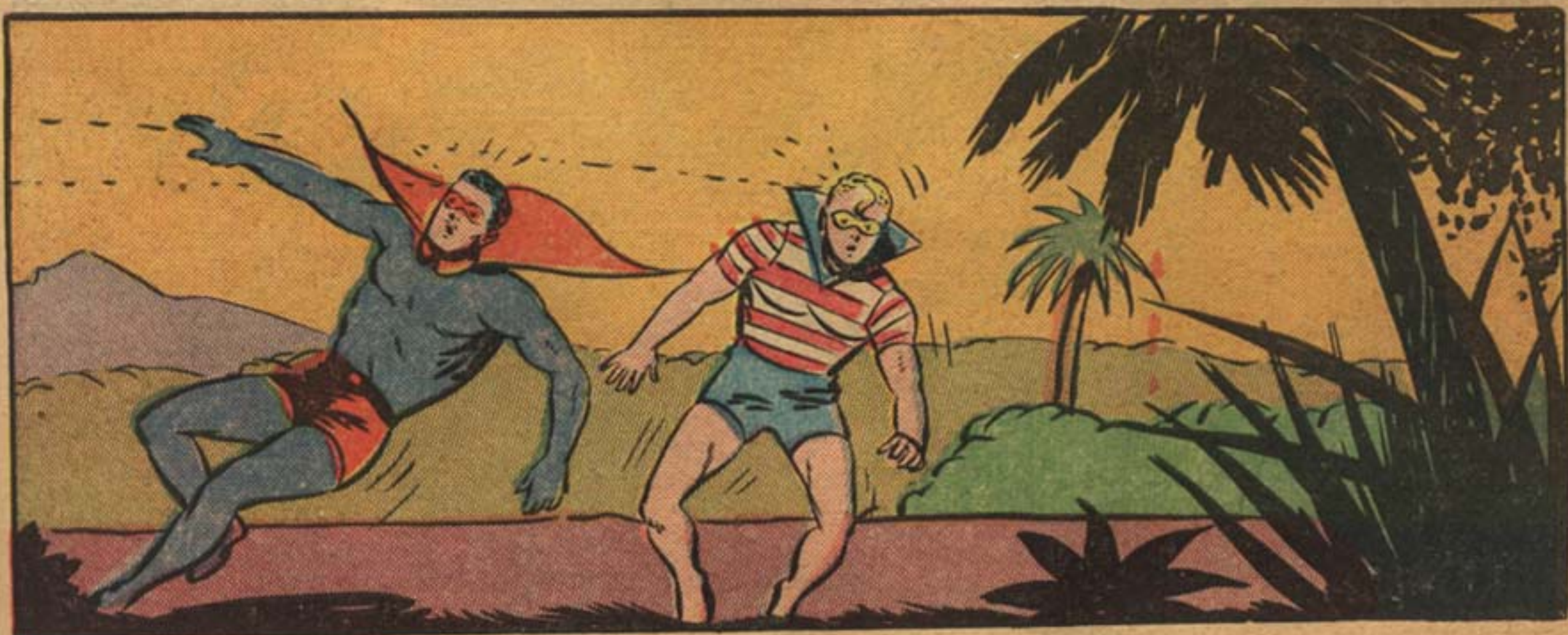
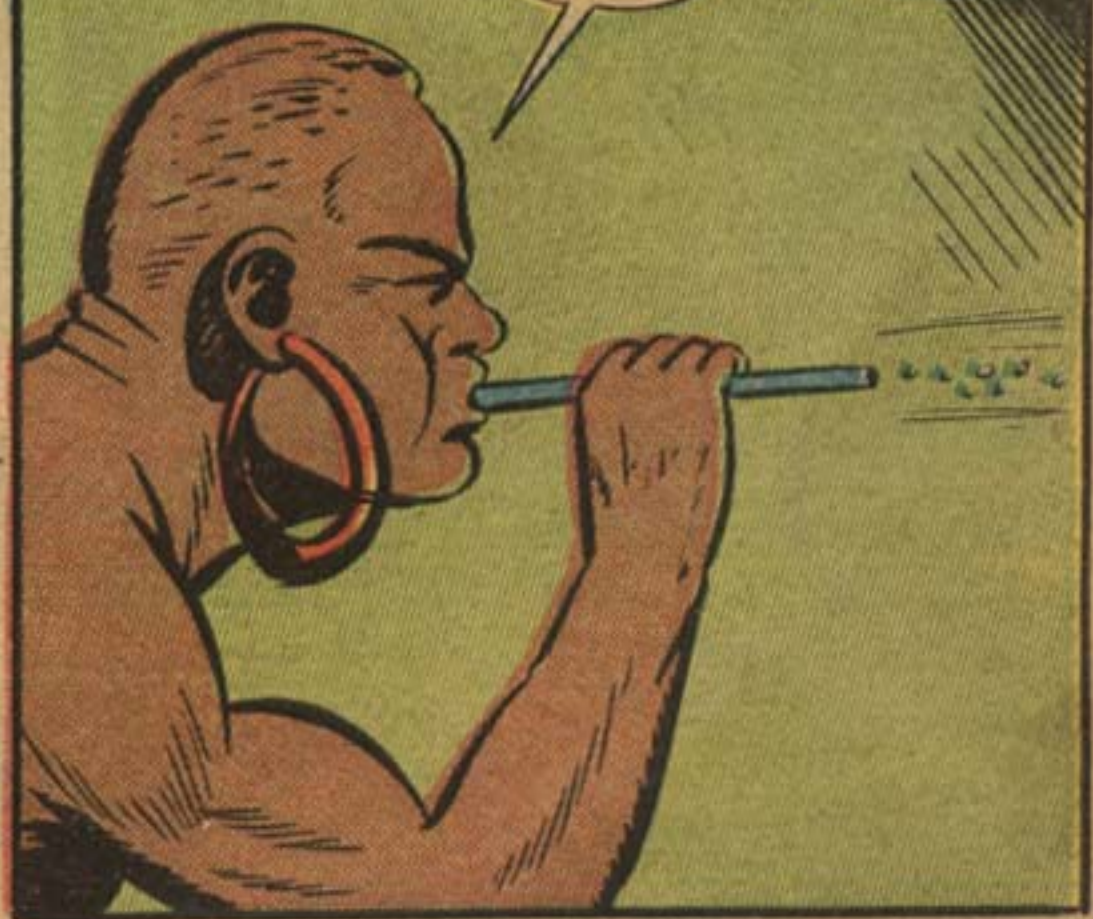
HOWDY, BOYS-- DON'T
BE FRIGHTENED IT'S
ONLY ME!



SLYLY A NATIVE
TAKES OUT HIS
BLOW GUN AND--

OOK--
ZOX UNG
BLOCK--
G4!

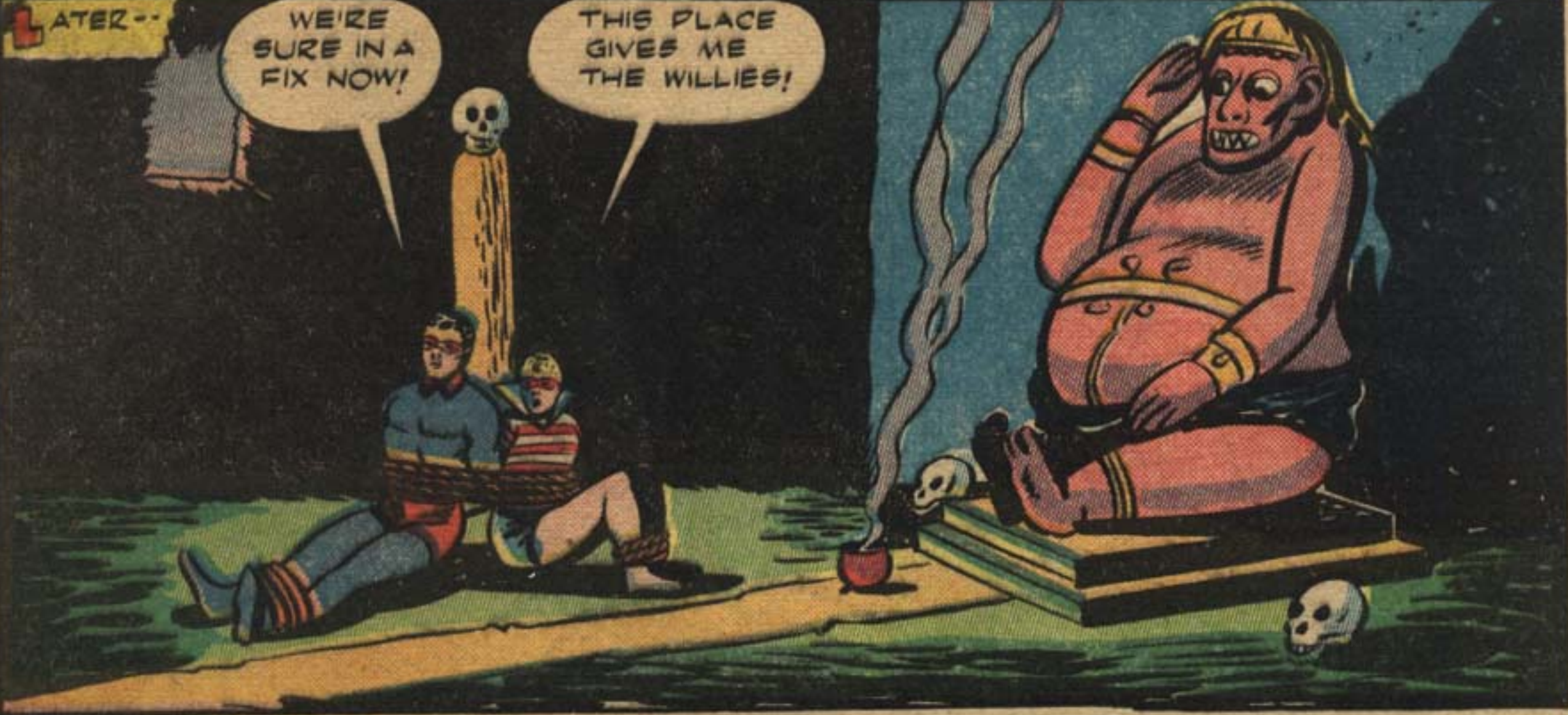
TRANSLATION--
THIS IS NO
PEA SHOOTER
BOYS!



LATER--

WE'RE SURE IN A FIX NOW!

THIS PLACE GIVES ME THE WILLIES!



SHHH-- I HEAR SOMEONE SPEAKING!

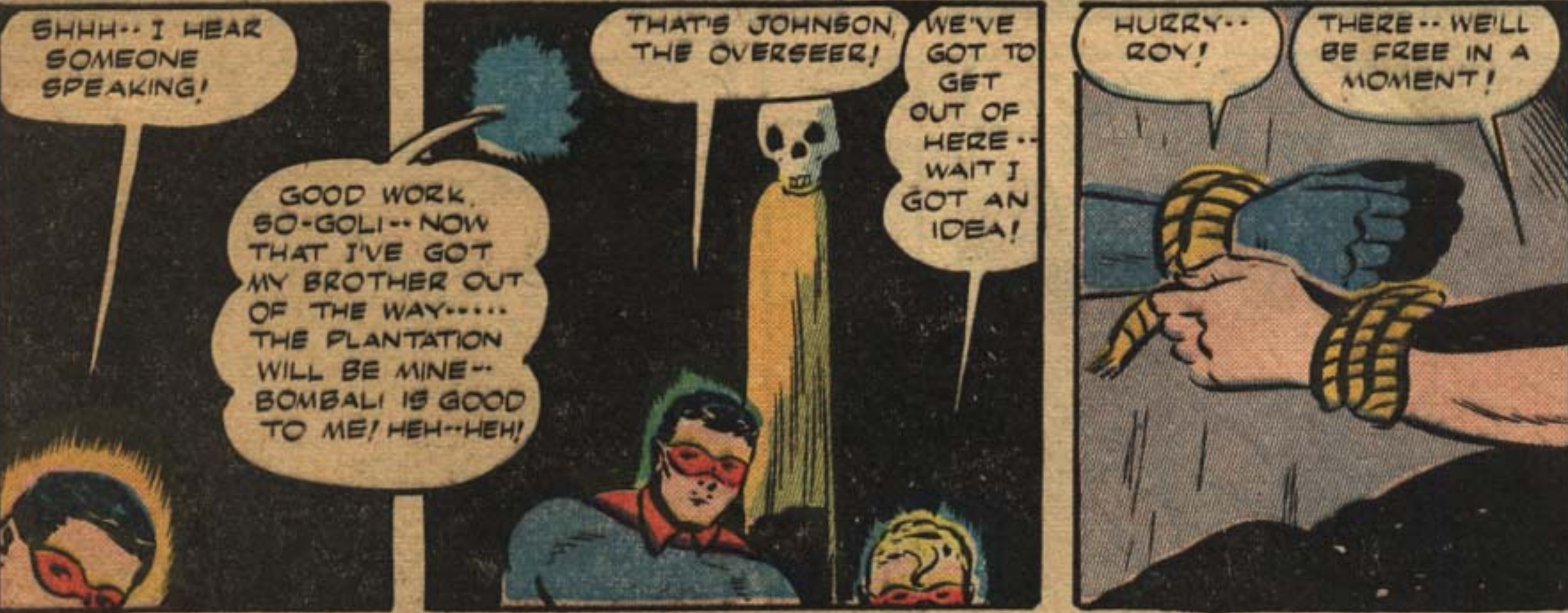
GOOD WORK, SO-GOLI-- NOW THAT I'VE GOT MY BROTHER OUT OF THE WAY-- THE PLANTATION WILL BE MINE-- BOMBALI IS GOOD TO ME! HEH--HEH!

THAT'S JOHNSON, THE OVERSEER!

WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE-- WAIT I GOT AN IDEA!

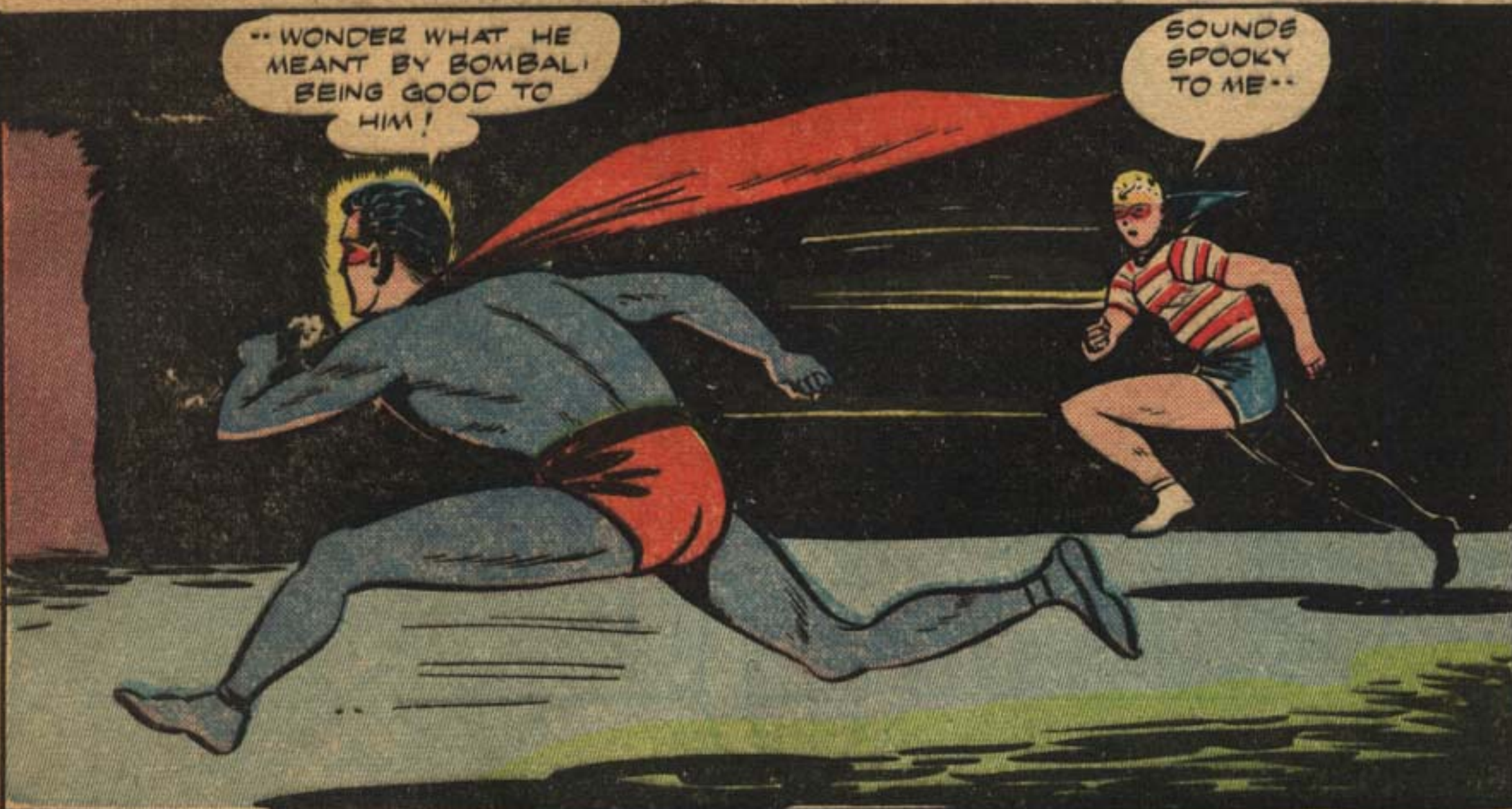
HURRY-- ROY!

THERE-- WE'LL BE FREE IN A MOMENT!

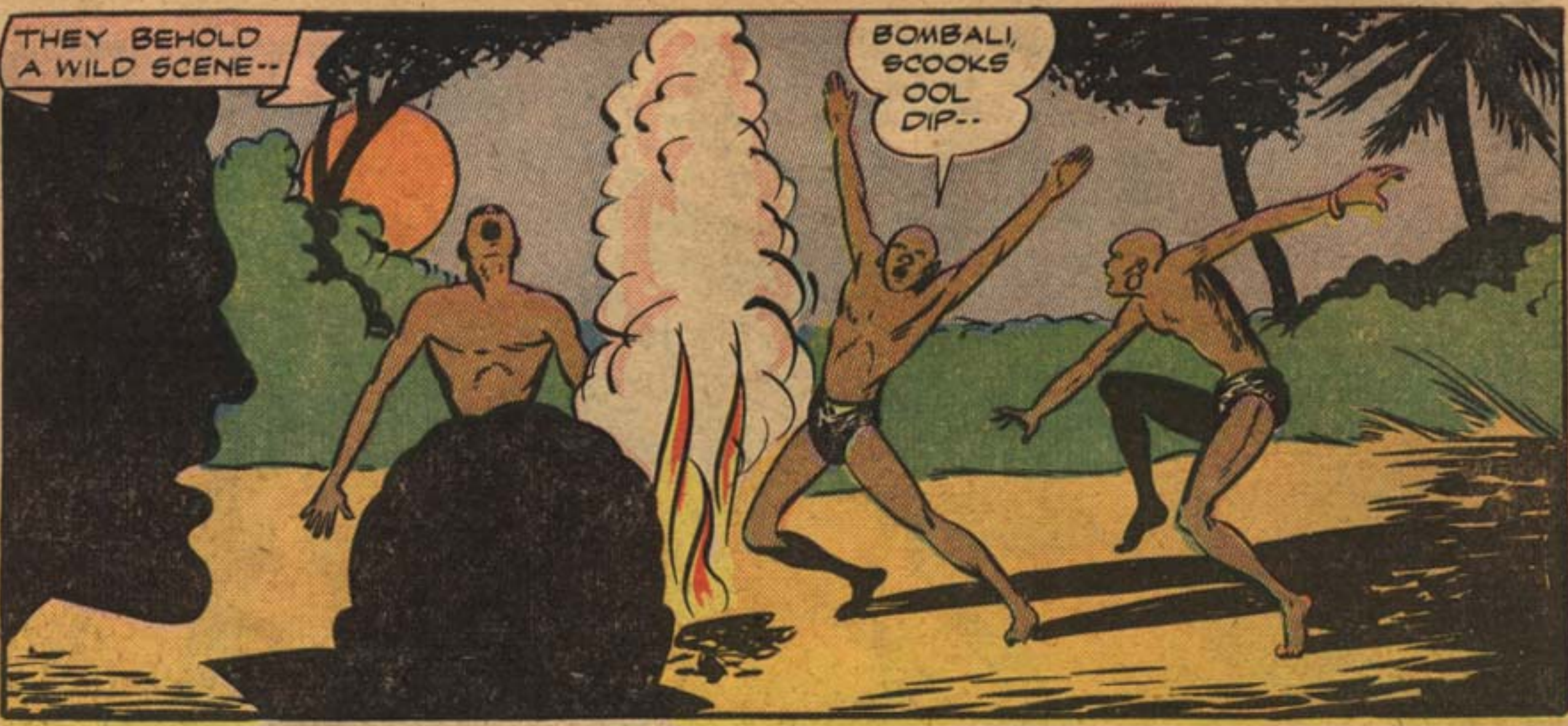


-- WONDER WHAT HE MEANT BY BOMBALI BEING GOOD TO HIM!

SOUNDS SPOOKY TO ME--



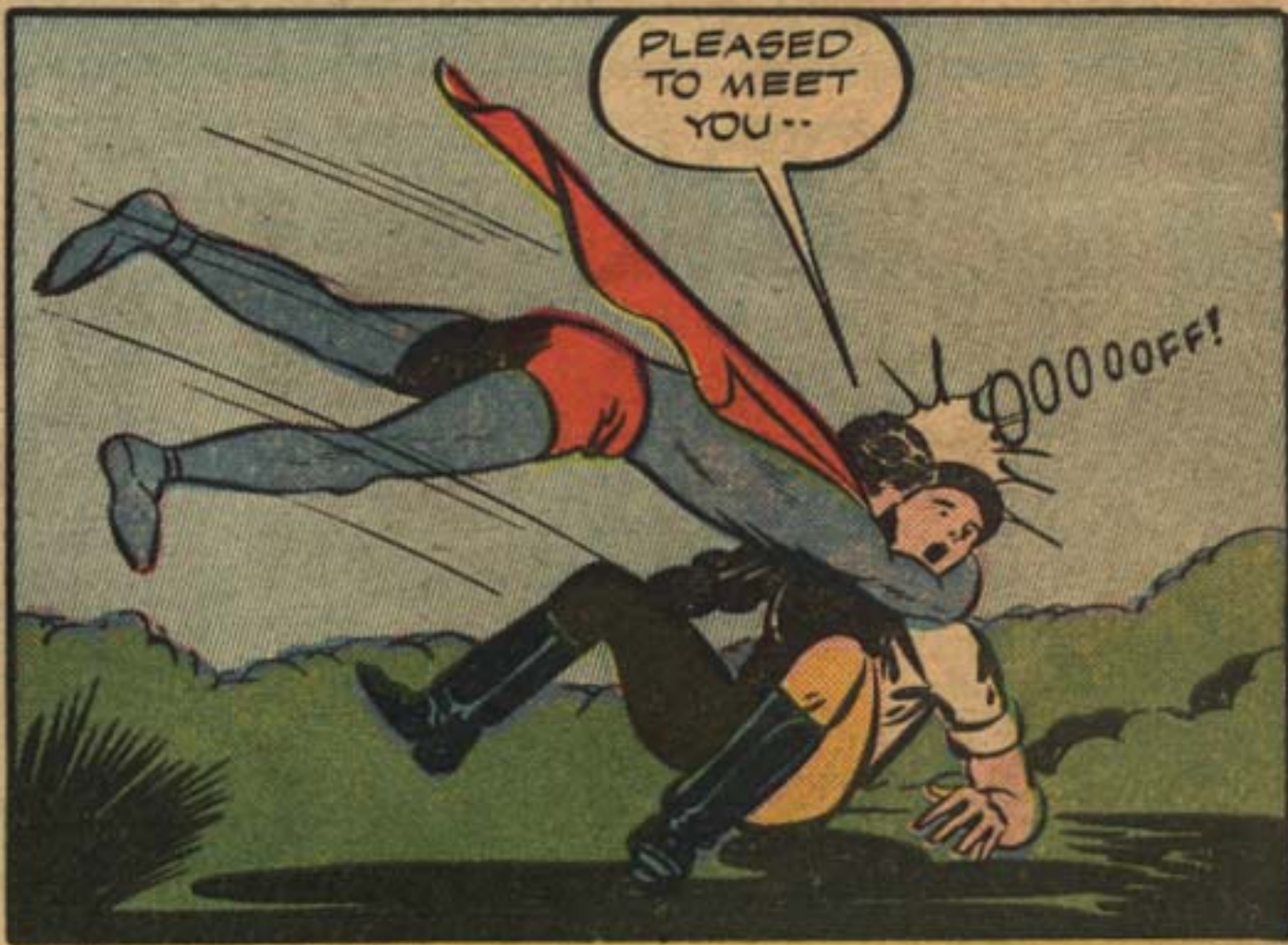
THEY BEHOLD
A WILD SCENE--



BOMBALI,
SCOOKS
OOL
DIP--



THERE'S
JOHNSON--
LET'S GET
HIM!



PLEASD
TO MEET
YOU--

POOOOFF!

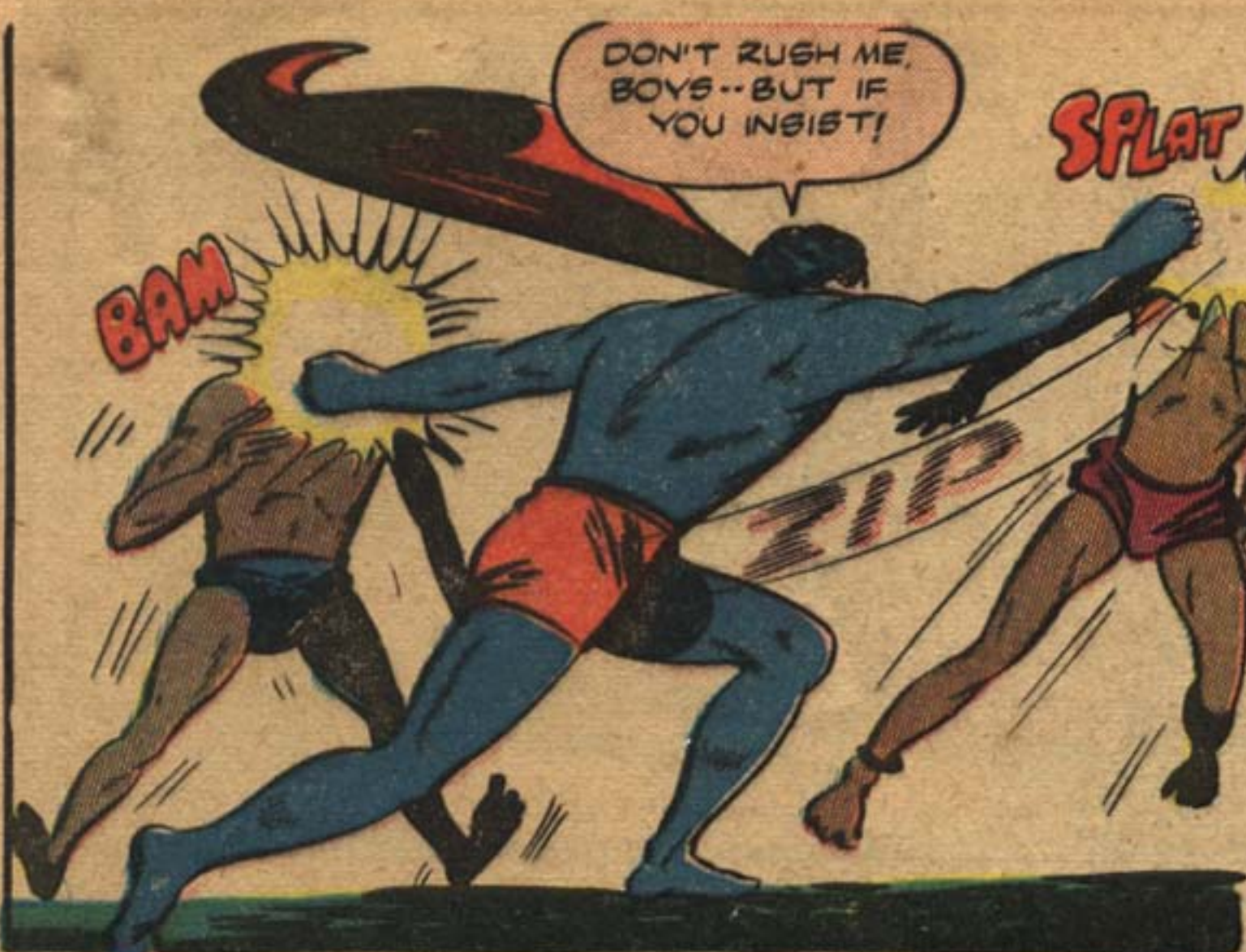


BUT-- THE NATIVES BECOME
THREATENING AND ATTACK--



WHY DON'T YOU
MIND YOUR OWN
BUSINESS!

POW!



DON'T RUSH ME, BOYS-- BUT IF YOU INSIST!

SPLAT

THE NATIVES ARE FINALLY OVERCOME--

OKAY JOHNSON, YOU COME WITH ME NOW--



THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! GO TO IT, SO-GULI!



OGS*#E* UNGOO
IFSL..STOGS ET..
TRANSLATION..
OH--MIGHTY ONE
TAKE THIS MOR-
TAL TO YOUR BOSOM!



HOLY SMOKES!
JOHNSON'S
DISAPPEAR-
ED!

POOF



LATER--

AND SO CON-
STABLE! THAT'S
THE WAY GARNER
WAS KILLED! AS
FOR JOHNSON,
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO
THINK!

VOODOO
IS STRANGE
BUSINESS!
BEST
THING TO
DO IS CALL
THE CASE
OFFICIALLY
CLOSED!

BACK TO CIVILIZATION
AGAIN--AND RELAXATION!

WHAT DO YOU
MAKE OF JOHNSON'S
DISAPPEARANCE,
ROY? THINK IT
WAS A TRICK?



I DON'T KNOW--- BUT I
SURE WOULD LIKE TO
HAVE SO-GULI NEARBY
WHEN THE INCOME
TAX COLLECTOR
CALLS!

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ROY

THE SUPER BOY

MOST OF YOU HAVE AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER BEEN TOLD THAT YOU HAD NO CONSCIENCE! OF COURSE, WE ALL KNOW THAT EVERYONE HAS A CONSCIENCE! BUT HAVE YOU EVER MET YOURS PERSON, ALLY? OF COURSE NOT! NOBODY HAS! THAT IS NOBODY EXCEPT FOR ONE PERSON! ROY THE SUPER BOY!! ANYWAY, THAT'S WHAT ROY TOLD ME!

HELLO, ROY!
HOW'S THE
OLD BOY?

FINE! AND
YOU,
CONSCIENCE?

Bill-Vigoda

WE FIND OUR YOUNG HERO WALKING DOWN THE STREET ONE DAY...



TUM TE
PA. PA



OOPS!
SORRY!



W. WHY...
YOU LOOK
JUST LIKE
ME!



OH! SO THERE
YOU ARE! I'VE
BEEN LOOKING
ALL OVER FOR
YOU!!

HUH?



WHO ARE
YOU??



I'M YOUR OFFICIAL
REPRESENTATIVE IN
HEAVEN! YOU MORTALS
WOULD CALL ME
YOUR CONSCIENCE!
I THOUGHT IT MIGHT
BE NICE IF I DROPPED
IN ON YOU! YOU'VE
BEEN PRETTY
GOOD TO ME,
YA KNOW!!



WELL, I ALWAYS KNEW
I HAD YOU! BUT I'M
CERTAINLY GLAD TO
MEET YOU! WON'T
YOU HAVE COFFEE
WITH ME??

DON'T
MIND IF
I DO!



BOY! WE'RE SURE
GOING TO CONFUSE
PEOPLE!!

NAH! NOBODY
CAN SEE ME,
EXCEPT YOU!



COFFEE
FOR ME
AND MY
FRIEND!

SURE! HUH,
WHAT FRIEND?

LATER.



OKAY, BOY!
SIX BITS FOR
YOU AND YOUR
FRIEND!



GEE WHIZ!!
I'VE FORGOTTEN
MY MONEY!

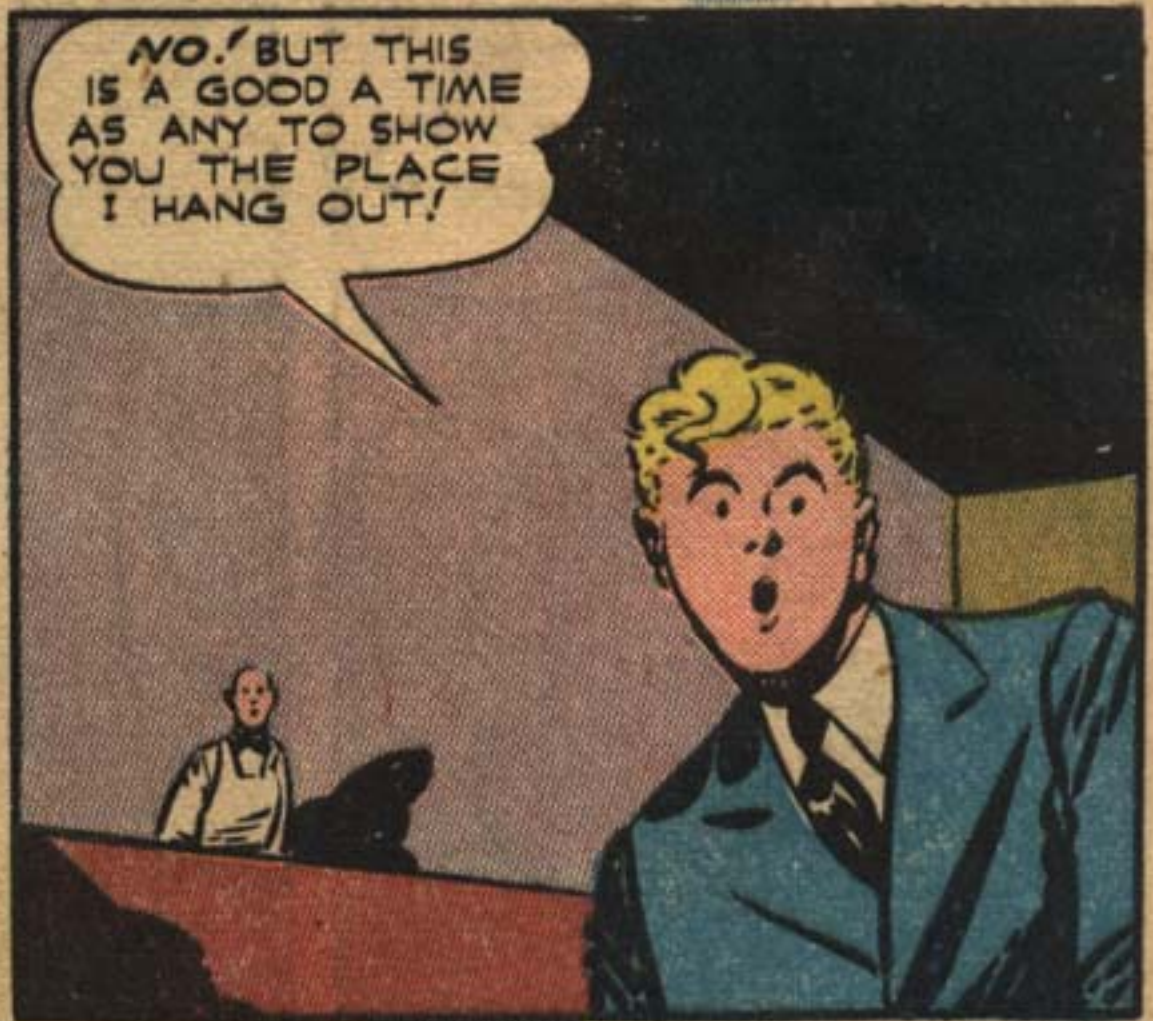


I GET THE GAG!
NOW YER GONNA TELL
ME YER FRIEND
SKIPPED OUT ON
YOU! I'M CALLIN' A
COP, SEE??



I DON'T SUPPOSE
YOU CARRY ANY
SPARE CASH AROUND
WITH YOU, HUH,
CONSCIENCE??

RESTAURANT



NO! BUT THIS
IS A GOOD A TIME
AS ANY TO SHOW
YOU THE PLACE
I HANG OUT!



SWELL! C'MON,
LET'S GO!!

HOLD YOUR
HORSES, ROY!



I'LL FIRST HAVE
TO GET IN TOUCH
WITH MY FRIEND,
SOUL SEVEN!!



OH, BROTHER!
SHOOT THE
HEAVEN TO ME,
SEVEN!!

THEY SHOOT THROUGH SEVEN MILLION MILES OF SPACE--



BOY! THIS HEAVEN SURE IS BEAUTIFUL!

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE IT! INCIDENTALLY YOU WILL NOTICE YOU'RE WEARING THE GARB YOU SHALL WEAR HERE WHEN YOU VISIT PERMANENTLY!



AND THAT IS THE SPOT I'M KEEPING FOR YOU!!



AND LATER NEAR THE END OF HEAVEN--

GEE! WHERE IS ALL THAT SMOKE COMING FROM??



THAT'S HADES! AND THERE IS HITLER'S CONSCIENCE! POOR FELLOW!



AND THAT GENT THERE, STOLE CANDY FROM A BABY!!



GEE WHIZ! SAY! WHAT'S THAT?

OH! THEY'RE JUST A COUPLE OF THE GALS WE HAVE AROUND HERE!



SUDDENLY--

SAY! WHAT'S THAT GUY TRYING TO DO??





HELLO, CUTIE PIE!! C'MON DOWN TO MY JOINT, AND MEET SOME OF THE BOYS!

HELP! HELP!



THERE'S A LIMIT TO THIS SORT OF THING!



PARDON ME! CAN I SPEAK TO YOU A MOMENT??



WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, KIDDO??



DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE LADY SAY NO, UGLY?

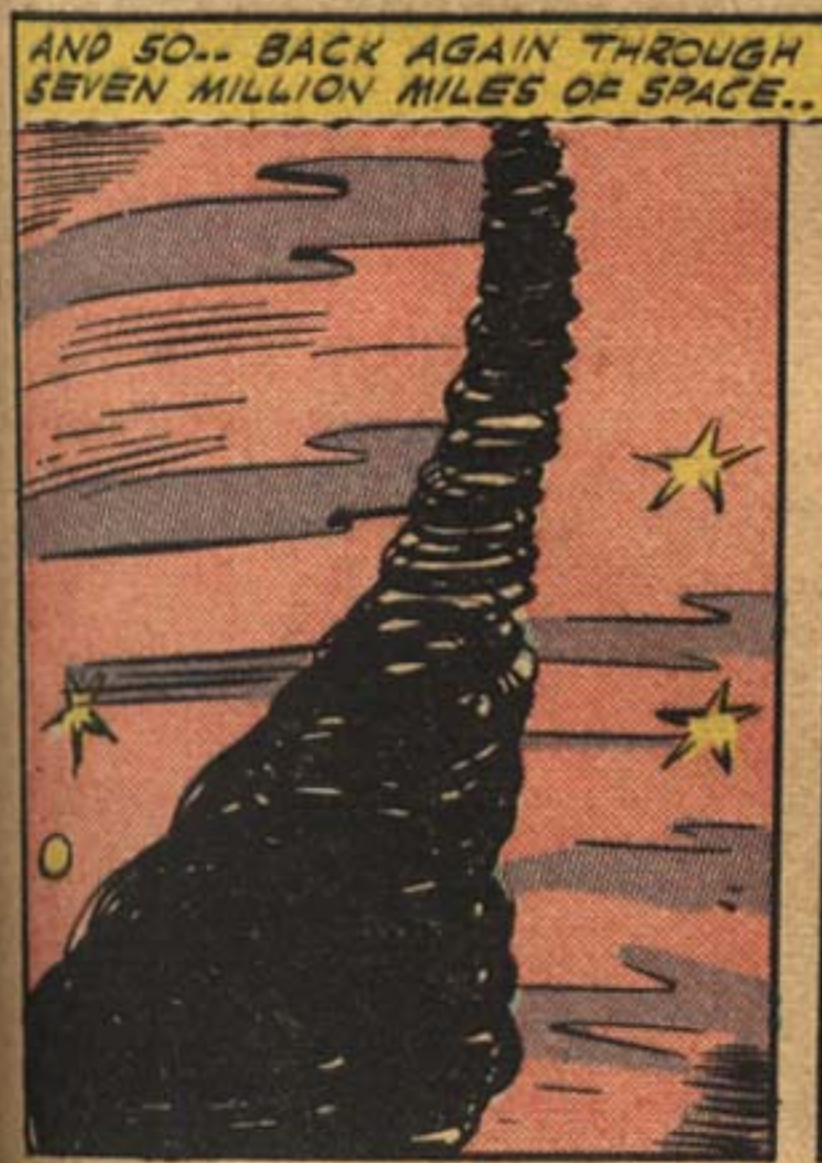
OW!



AAARRGHH-- WISE GUY, HUH? I'LL FIX YOU!



YOU GUYS UP HERE HAVE BEEN HAVIN' ALL THE FUN.. AND WE'RE MUSCLIN' IN, SEE??



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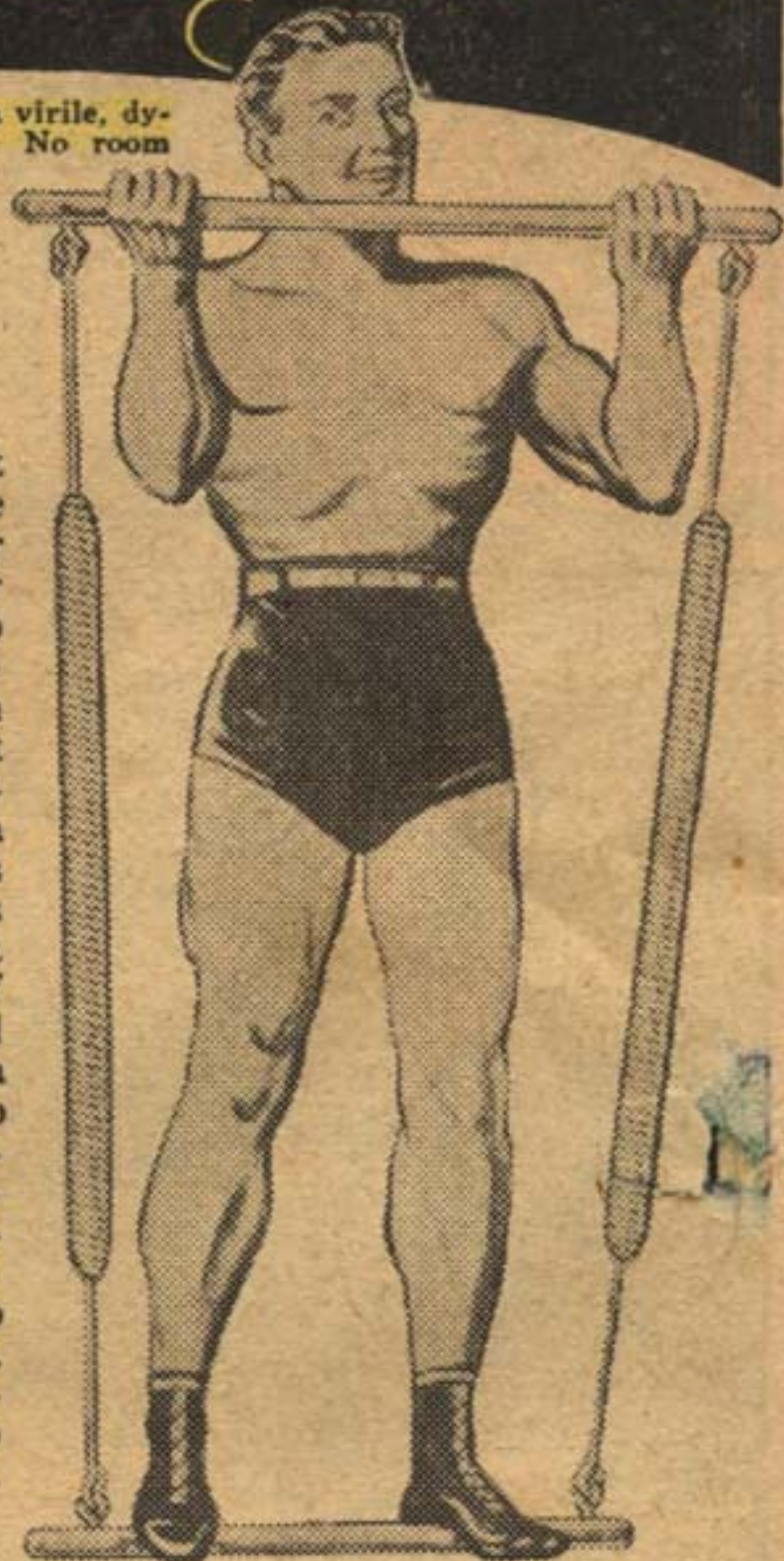
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